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A former Marine wears a pair of boots bearing names of former comrades who were discharged under the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy in2009. A federal judge ordered the US government Tuesday to "immediately" suspend all discharges of gays serving openly in the military in a major rebuke to the Obama administration's appeal for more time.

Judge orders 'don't ask, don't tell' injunction

By JULIE WATSON, Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO – A federal judge issued a worldwide injunction Tuesday immediately stopping enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, suspending the 17-year-old ban on openly gay U.S. troops.

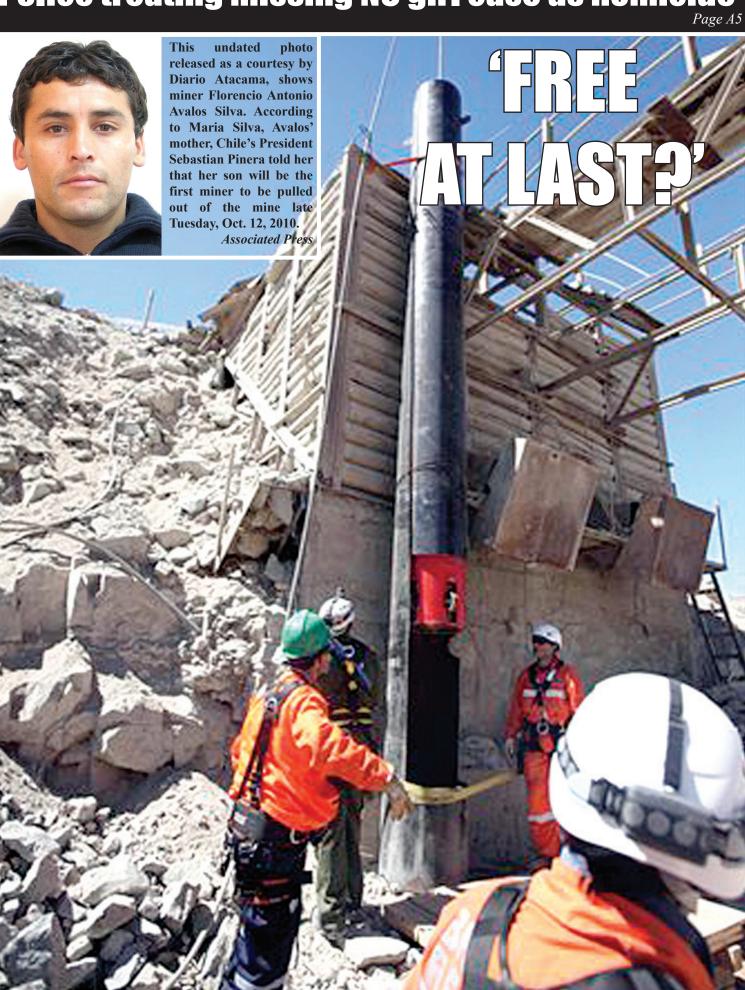
U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' landmark ruling also ordered the government to suspend and discontinue all pending discharge proceedings and investigations under the policy.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have 60 days to appeal. Pentagon and Department of Justice officials said they are reviewing the case and had no immediate comment.

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Police treating missing NC girl case as homicide



In this image released by the government of Chile, rescue workers watch as a colleague is inside a capsule during a dry run test for the eventual rescue of the 33 miners trapped at the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, Monday, Oct. 11, 2010. The miners became trapped when the gold and copper mine collapsed on Aug. 5 and are expected to be rescued starting late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

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Study: Legalizing pot won't hinder Mexican cartels



SANTA CRUZ, Calif.

- Mexico's drug traffickers are likely to lose customers in America's largest pot consuming state if California legalizes marijuana, but they won't lose much money overall because California's residents already prefer to grow their own, according to a study released Tuesday.

That means the proposal on the state's November ballot to

legalize marijuana also will do little to quell the drug gangs' violent and sophisticated organizations that generate billions of dollars a year, according to the study by the nonpartisan RAND Drug Policy Research Center.

Californians, who make up one-seventh of the U.S. marijuana market, already are farming marijuana at a much higher rate than in neighboring states and tend to buy domestic rather than smuggled marijuana, the study found. "We're already growing our own in California, so it's hard to see how we'd impact Mexico's market all that much," agreed Valerie Corral, a Santa Cruz, Calif., pot grower whose farm north of the city provides medical marijuana to members of a cooperative she helped found. California voters will decide next month whether to legalize and tax their own recreational use of marijuana. The measure is closely watched in Mexico, where more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence Mexico's President Felipe Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime in late 2006. Both Calderon and President Barack Obama agree the vast profits cartels collect in the U.S. estimated between \$18 billion and \$35 billion a year fuel drug wars south of the border.

RAND found that less than

\$2 billion of those profits come from marijuana, though, and only about 3 percent of Mexican marijuana sales are in California.

Proponents of the proposition say they want to lower prison costs and find new revenue from marijuana taxes, and that the measure could reduce violence associated with the illegal drug trade in California and Mexico.

The Obama administration disagrees, and U.S. drug cz ar Gil Kerlikowske told The Associated Press that the new study backs them up.

"This report shows that despite the millions spent on marketing the idea, legalized marijuana won't reduce the revenue or violence generated by Mexican drug trafficking organizations," said Kerlikowske, head of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy. "The bottom line is that increased access and availability to marijuana

jeopardizes the health and safety of our citizens."

Some former law enforcement officials, however, said it's hard to imagine there wouldn't be major cartel profits at stake.

"It's ridiculous to claim that ending prohibition won't have a big financial impact on these violent criminals' bottom lines," said Stephen Downing, a supporter of Prop. 19 and a former Los Angeles Police Department deputy chief of police.

But the RAND concludes the only way to cut into the cartels' profits would be the unlikely scenario of legal marijuana growers taking over cartel distribution elsewhere in the U.S. Under that scenario, Mexican drug trafficking organizations, currently providing at least half the marijuana in the U.S., would lose roughly 20 percent of their total drug export revenues.





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Senior citizens brace for Social Security freeze

BOCA RATON, Fla. – Seniors prepared to cut back on everything from food to charitable donations to whiskey as word spread Monday that they will have to wait until at least 2012 to see their Social Securitychecks increase.

The government is expected to announce this week that more than 58 million Social Security recipients will go through a second straight year without an increase in monthly benefits. This year was the first without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation started in 1975.

"I think it's disgusting," said Paul McNeil, 69, a retired state worker from Warwick, R.I., who said his food and utility costs have gone up, but his income has not. He lamented decisions by lawmakers that he said do not favor seniors.

"They've got this idea that they've got to save money and basically they want to take it out of the people that will give them the least resistance," he said.

Cost-of-living adjustments are automatically set by a measure adopted by Congress in the 1970s that orders raises based on the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation. Social Security benefits will remain unchanged as long as consumer prices remain below the level they were at in 2008, the last time a COLA was awarded.

Still, seniors like McNeil said they'll be thinking about the issue when they go to vote, and experts said the news comes at a bad time for Democrats already facing potentially big losses in November. Seniors are the most loyal of voters, and their support is especially important during midterm elections, when turnout is generally lower.

"If you're the ruling party, this is not the sort of thing you want to have happening two weeks before an election," said Andrew Biggs, a former deputy commissioner at the Social Secu rity Administration and now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

At St. Andrews Estates North, a Boca Raton retirement community, seniors largely took the news in stride, saying they don't blame Washington for the lack of an increase. Most are also collecting pensions or other income, but even so, they prepared to tighten their belts.

Bette Baldwin won't be able to travel or help

her children as much. Dorcas Eppright will give less to charity. Jack Dawson will buy cheap whiskey instead of his beloved Canadian Club.

"For people who have worked their whole life and tried to scrimp and save and try to provide for themselves," said Baldwin, a 63-year-old retired teacher, "it's difficult to see that support system might not sustain you."

Baldwin and her husband mapped out their retirements, carefully calculating their income based on their pensions and Social Security checks. Trouble is, they expected an annual cost-of-living increase.

"When we cut back, we're cutting back on niceties," Baldwin said. "But there are other people that don't have anything to cut back on. They're cutting back on food and shelter."

Many at St. Andrews said the cost-of-living decision won't affect who they vote for next month. But seniors tied the Social Security issue to what they see as a larger societal problem with debt, entitlements and hopefulness for the future. "I'm kind of glad in a way," Stella Wehrly, an 86-year-old retired secretary, said of the freeze. "One thing depends on the other and when people aren't working there's not enough people feeding into the Social Securit v system."

Wehrly and her husband, Hank, said curtailing government spending is necessary to maintain the Social Security system.

"We have a generation now that we're not going to leave a very good legacy for," she said.

Jack Dawson, 77, said the freeze is the right move considering the state of the government and the American economy.

"Who would be surprised what's happened?" he asked. "I feel this is the right decision in light of the malaise."

More than 58.7 million people rely on Social Security checks that average \$1,072 monthly. It was the primary source of income for 64 percent of retirees who got benefits in 2008; one-third relied on Social Security for at least 90 percent of their income.

At the Phoenix Knits yarn shop in Phoenix, 73-year-old owner Pat McCartney said she already worries about paying for utilities, groceries and gas. Not having the increase makes her worry even more.





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Participants carry a large rainbow flag towards the U.S. Capitol during a gay rights demonstration in Washington October 11,

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The injunction goes into effect immediately, said Dan Woods, the attorney who represented the Log Cabin Republicans, the gay rights group that filed the lawsuit in 2004 to stop the ban's enforcement.

"Don't ask, don't tell, as of today at least, is done, and the government is going to have to OPEN FROM 8 AM - 8 PM - 6 DAYS A WEEK



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do something now to resurrect it," Woods said. "This is an extremely significant, historic decision. Once and for all, this failed policy is stopped. Fortunately now we hope all Americans who wish to serve their country can."

Legal experts say the Obama administration is under no legal obligation to appeal and could let Phillips' ruling stand.

decision Phillips' was widely cheered by gay rights organizations that credited her with getting accomplished what President Obama and Washington politics could not. "This order from Judge Phillips is another historic and courageous step in the right direction, a step that Congress has been noticeably slow in taking," said Alexander Nicholson, executive director of Servicemembers United, the nation's largest organization of gay and lesbian troops and veterans.

He was the sole named veteran plaintiff in the case along with the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights organization that filed the lawsuit in 2004 to stop the ban's enforcement.

Gay rights groups warned gay troops not to make their sexual orientation public just yet. Aaron Tax, the legal director for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said he expects the Justice Department to appeal. If that happens, the case would be brought to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, where the decision could be reversed.

"Service members proceed safely and should not come out at this time," Tax said in a statement.

Supporters of the ban said **Phillips** overstepped bounds.

"The judge ignored the evidence to impose her illinformed and biased opinion on our military, endangering morale, health and security of our military at a time of war," said Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, a women's group on public policy. "She did not do what Congress did when it passed the law and investigate the far-reaching effects of how this will detrimentally impact the men and women who risk their lives to defend us."

The case put the Obama administration in the awkward position of defending a policy it wants Congress to repeal.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, a Republican, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen, the military's top uniformed officer, have both said they support lifting the ban. But Gates and Mullen also have said they would prefer to move slowly. Gates has ordered a sweeping study, due Dec. 1, that includes a survey of troops and their families.

President Obama agreed to the Pentagon study but also worked with Democrats to write a bill that would have lifted the ban, pending completion of the Defense Department review and certification from the military that troop morale wouldn't suffer.

That legislation passed the House but was blocked in the Senate by Republicans.

Gates has said the purpose of his study isn't to determine whether to change the law something he says is probably inevitable but up for Congress to decide. Instead, the study is intended to determine how to lift the ban without causing serious disruption at a time when troops are fighting two wars.

"The president has taken a very consistent position here, and that is: 'Look, I will not use my discretion in any way that will step on Congress' ability to be the sole decider about this policy here," " said Diane H. Mazur, legal codirector of the Palm Center, a think tank at the University of California at Santa Barbara that supports a repeal.

Government attorneys had warned Phillips that such an abrupt change might harm military operations in a time of war. They had asked Phillips to limit her ruling to the 19,000 members of the Log Cabin Republicans, which includes current and former military service members.

The Department of Justice attorneys also said Congress should decide the issue — not her court.

Phillips disagreed, saying the law doesn't help military readiness and instead has "direct and deleterious effect" on the armed services by hurting recruiting during wartime and requiring the discharge of service members critical skills with training.

"Furthermore, there is no adequate remedy at law to prevent the continued violation of servicemembers' rights or to compensate them for violation of their rights," Phillips said in her order.

She said Department of Justice attorneys did not address these issues in their objection to her expected injunction.

Phillips declared the law unconstitutional after listening to the testimony of discharged service members during a two-week nonjury trial this summer in federal court in Riverside.

She said the Log Cabin Republicans "established at trial that the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Act irreparably injures servicemembers by infringing their fundamental rights." She said the policy violates due process rights, freedom of speech and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances guaranteed by the First Amendment.



Police treating missing NC girl case as homicide

HICKORY, N.C. – Police indicated Tuesday they believe someone killed a 10-year-old North Carolina girl whose bone cancer left her with a prosthetic leg and hearing aids, saying they were shifting from a missing person search to a homicide investigation.

Zahra Clare Baker was reported missing Saturday, but police said they can't find anyone outside the household who has seen the girl alive in a month. Relatives described the child's life as miserable, saying she was locked in her room for most of the day and punished over little things.

Hickory Police Chief Tom Adkins said at a news conference that the girl's stepmother confessed to writing a ransom note found at the house where the girl lived, and she has been charged with felony obstruction of justice in the case. Elisa Baker, who was being held on unrelated charges, has also asked for an attorney.

Uncertainty over when the girl was last seen alive has stymied efforts to search for her, the chief said. Volunteers have offered to help look for her around the city of 40,000 residents about 50 miles northwest of Charlotte.

"We understand the public wants to help find Zahra. The problem is we cannot confirm with any confidence how long Zahra has been missing," he said at the news conference. "Without this information, we cannot positively select the area to search for her."

Adkins did not take any questions and did not offer further explanation of why the case was being treated as a homicide probe. A search warrant revealed on Monday that police dogs detected the smell of human remains on cars belonging to the father a nd stepmother.

The girl's father, Adam Baker, has not been charged in the

case, though the chief said previously he hasn't been ruled out as a suspect. Police say he's cooperating in the

Adam Baker has said it was possible his wife could be involved in the disappearance, and other relatives echoed those remarks.

"I just think this was something for a long time that we knew was going to happen, everybody that was close to the family," relative Brittany Bentley said on CBS' "Early Show" on Tuesday.

Bentley, who is married to Elisa Baker's nephew, said she would have Zahra over for weekends and the girl would get mad when it was time to return home.

Zahra "was locked in her room, allowed five minutes out a day to eat, that was it," Bentley said. "She was beat almost every time I was over there for just the smallest things. Elisa would get mad, she would take it out on Zahra, things the kid didn't deserve. She just had a horrible home life."

Neighbors also feared the worst.

"There were warning signs along the way, but you never want to think the worst," said former neighbor Kayla Rotenberry.

Zahra was reported missing Saturday afternoon after a yard fire at the home. The stepmother said she last saw Zahra sleeping in her room about 12 hours earlier, though Adkins has indicated he doesn't believe the timeline the couple gave him.

Police responded to the fire early Saturday and found what appeared to be a ransom note addressed to Adam Baker's boss on the windshield of Baker's car, the search warrant said. Police went to that man's house, and found him and his daughter to be fine.

"Mr. Coffey, you like being in control now who is in control we have your daughter," the warrant quoted the ransom note as saying. It asked for \$1 million dollars and said "no cops."

Elisa Baker was arrested Sunday on unrelated charges including communicating threats, writing worthless checks, larceny and driving with a revoked license.

Zahra was described by family friends as shy but constantly smiling, in spite of her health problems.

The stepmother could be short-tempered toward her, former neighbors said, but the woman also fought tears when a charity fitted her for



free hearing aids a few months ago. The girl was being homeschooled, but had attended public schools in the past. Zahra used two hearing aids, which were left at the house, and a prosthetic left leg from

the knee down, police said.

Adam Baker was from Australia, and met his current wife over the Internet, a family friend said. Zahra's mother lives outside the U.S.



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Afghan peace council members want gesture from U

DEB RIECHMANN Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Releasing Taliban figures detained at Guantanamo Bay and scratching scores of others off the U.N. sanctions list would jump-start peace talks aimed at ending the 9-year-old war, members of Afghanistan's new peace council said.

The council members, who hold their first business meeting on Wednesday, said goodwill gestures from the U.S. and international community could spur reconciliation talks — perhaps at a neutral location in Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, Egypt or Turkey.

The momentum for a political solution has been slowly building in Afghanistan as public support for the war has waned in the West. The renewed push for peace comes as the last of 30,000 U.S. reinforcements have arrived in Afghanistan, pushing deeper into areas long held by insurgents.

Many top military and diplomatic leaders have publicly supported peace efforts, though they remain skeptical that insurgents are ready to lay down their arms, embrace the Afghan constitution and sever ties with al-Oaida and other terrorist networks.

Ethnic minorities and women, who were repressed under the Taliban, have expressed concerns about what any deal with the militants would bring. Most members of the Taliban are Pashtuns, the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan. The minority Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras are not likely to sit



In this photo taken Oct. 7, 2010, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, second left prays with members of the Afghanistan's peace council, from left Burhanuddin Rabbani, Pir Sayed Ahmad Gailani, and Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf during the inaugural session in Kabul, Afghanistan. Members of Afghanistan's new peace council say releasing Taliban figures detained at Guantanamo Bay and scratching scores of others off the U.N. sanctions list would jump-start peace talks aimed at ending the 9-year-old war.

quietly on the sidelines if unofficial personal contacts Karzai, a Pashtun, makes a deal with insurgents.

But Staffan de Mistura, the top U.N. envoy in Afghanistan, said all parties including the Taliban know there is no military solution to the conflict. He predicted the next several months will be particularly violent because both the Taliban and international forces will be applying maximum pressure on each other to position themselves for possible negotiation.

In hopes of finding a peaceful resolution, Afghan President Hamid Karzai recently set up the 68-member council to guide formal talks with the armed opposition.

Karzai said this week that his government has been talking with the Taliban "countryman to countryman" for "quite some time." He characterized the talks as

— not official contact with the Taliban leadership.

"That hasn't happened yet and we hope we can begin that as soon as possible," Karzai said.

Arsala Rahmani, a member of the peace council who served as deputy education minister in the former Taliban regime, said Tuesday that discussions were under way for the United States or United Nations to guarantee safe passage for representatives of militant groups to meet somewhere outside of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran to discuss ways to reconcile with the Afghan government. Rahmani. who insisted he was not speaking on behalf of the entire council, said neutral meeting sites under discussion were in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Egypt.

Rahmani said trust must established between the Taliban and the U.S. and other Western players. Release of four or five top Taliban prisoners from the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay and the de-listing of about 150 individuals linked to the Taliban from the U.N. sanctions list are the key stumbling blocks to negotiating peace, he said.

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"When that trust can be established, the political process can move forward." Rahmani said. Publicly, the Taliban have rejected the peace council, calling it an "American initiative to delay the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan."

Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the U.S. was considering modifications to the U.N. sanctions list, but that the matter of releasing prisoners from Guantanamo Bay was unrelated to the Afghan peace process.

"On an ongoing basis we are evaluating modifications to the individuals on the sanctions list at the U.N.," Crowley said Tuesday. "We've made some adjustments during the course of this year. And as we work through issues and, you know, in collaboration with the U.N. and other members of the U.N. Security Council, that is certainly possible."

Rahmani and the other member of the peace council also said Pakistan should release or give Afghanistan custody of its Afghan prisoners, including the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 leader, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. Baradar was arrested in February in a joint raid with the CIA — a move some analysts believe was driven by Pakistan's desire to guarantee itself a seat at the negotiating table. Rahmani said Baradar was one of 31 Afghan Taliban figures being held in Pakistan because they were willing to talk peace.

"We don't know where they are, whether in prison in Pakistan, or maybe living comfortable in guest houses," he said.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani tried to dispel concerns about his country's role when asked about Taliban peace talks Tuesday, but also reminded observers of the leverage Pakistan has in the process. "Look, nothing can happen without us because we are part of the solution. We are not part of the problem,"

Gilani said.

Ukraine: 43 killed in bus, train collision

Associated Press Writer

KIEV. Ukraine (AP) — A train locomotive rammed through a stalled passenger bus on a railroad crossing in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday, killing 43 people and injuring eight others as the bus was pushed 300 meters (yards) down the tracks.

Investigators said the bus driver ignored the siren of the oncoming train, and the bus stalled on the tracks as the driver tried to shift gears. Witnesses said the driver also ignored a red light.

The yellow bus was smashed into a pile of metal by the blue locomotive, which was not pulling any cars. Television footage showed emergency workers piling bodies

the town of Marhanets in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

"The driver violated traffic rules," said Lyudmila Bolshakova, spokeswoman for local police.

Ukraine's Railways said the train driver saw the bus heading toward the tracks from 500 meters (yards) away and sounded the distress siren, which the driver ignored. The train driver applied the emergency brake system, but the locomotive was traveling at a speed of 47 miles per hour and was unable to stop in time.

Ukraine's ombudsman Nina Karpachova cited crash survivor Dmytro Olyinik, 30, who was headed to work in a nearby mine, as saying that

alongside the tracks outside the passengers tried to stop the driver from crossing the tracks when they saw the red light and heard the siren. They started screaming "Where are you going?" Olyinik was reported as saying.

> Local railway officials said the bus was packed with commuters traveling from Marhanets to the nearby city of Nikopol, most of them heading for work. Relatives of those killed raced to the accident site and embraced one another as they wept with grief.

> Road and railway accidents are common in Ukraine, where the roads are in poor condition, vehicles are poorly maintained and drivers and passengers routinely disregard safety and traffic



The remains of a bus lay next to a railway train at the site of an accident outside the town of Marhanets, Ukraine, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010.

Associated Press mourning Wednesday.

rules. But officials said this was the deadliest auto accident in the country's history.

The Dnipropetrovsk branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry said 38 people died on the spot and five more in the hospital. The victims included a child and two teenagers.

President Viktor Yanukovych declared a national day of

Prime Minister Mykola Azarov ordered government to pay the family of each of the dead passengers 100,000 hryvna

(\$12,600).

He also instructed transport officials to install automated crossing gates at all railway crossings to prevent cars, buses and trucks from ignoring signals.



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In this image released by the Dutch Coastguard, the damaged hull of a Greek tanker, Mindoro, is seen after colliding with a container ship 30 kilometers (20 miles) off the Dutch coast, Tuesday Oct. 12, 2010. The tanker briefly leaked jet fuel into the North Sea, a Coast Guard spokesman said but the crew was able to pump the remaining fuel into an undamaged part of the ship, ending the

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Germany wins Security Council seat

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Germany won a seat on the U.N. Security Council in a heated three-way race.

Portugal and Canada must now battle for a second seat on the U.N.'s most powerful body for pro-Western nations.

African, Asian and Latin American seats were uncontested so South Africa, India and Colombia easily won on Tuesday's first ballot in the 192-member General Assembly.

Ten of the Security Council's 15 seats are filled by regional groups for two-year stretches, with five elected each year. The other five seats are occupied by the council's veto-wielding permanent members: Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

Germany received 128 votes, one more than the two-thirds required. Portugal received 122 and Canada 114.

4 IRA dissidents arrested, gun seized in Ulster

DUBLIN (AP) — Northern Ireland police say they have arrested four suspected IRA dissidents and seized a handgun in their car, while Irish army explosives experts pored through the contents of a dissident arms bunker south of the border.

Tuesday's moves are the latest by police in both parts of Ireland to suppress Irish Republican Army splinter groups plotting bomb attacks in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland police declined to identify the four men arrested in the same car near Cookstown.

Irish army officers blew apart a homemade mortar shell found in the arms bunker. The IRA typically uses such truck-mounted mortars against fortified security bases.

The arsenal uncovered in County Louth, near the Northern Ireland border, included TNT explosive and a heavy machine gun.

Landslide kills 10 in central Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An official says a landslide in central Indonesia has killed at least 10 palm oil workers and injured more than a dozen others.

Local official Rosminael Songko says sand and rocks cascaded down a hill Tuesday in an area of Central Sulawesi province that has been pounded by rain. The slide buried the men as they were eating lunch.

She says rescuers have recovered 10 bodies but are searching for three missing workers.

Landslides and floods have become more common in Indonesia, a vast tropical nation where native forests are being rapidly cleared. Tree roots help anchor hillside soil.

Greek Tanker, container **ship collide in North Sea**

Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Greek tanker collided with a container ship 20 miles off the Dutch coast Tuesday and briefly leaked jet fuel into the North Sea, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

The crew of the Mindoro pumped the remaining fuel into an undamaged part of the ship, ending the leak, Coast Guard spokesman Peter van Oorschot said.

"We have a small slick in the water, but it is minimal and it is evaporating very quickly," he said, adding that it was unclear how much jet fuel had spilled into the sea.

Offshore winds were blowing the slick away from the coast.

"The situation appears to be under control," he

Van Oorschot said an oil spill control boat was on its way to the stricken tanker as a precaution. A coast guard tug boat also was heading to the

No one was injured on either of the ships, Van

The Mindoro dropped its anchor and was waiting for experts to investigate whether it was safe for it to return to port. The tanker had a 16-foot (five-meter)-wide hole torn in its hull close to the waterline.

The container ship involved in the collision, the Cypriot-flagged Jork Ranger, was returning to port, but was not seriously damaged.

Van Oorschot said it was not immediately clear how the collision happened.

Cyprus' Merchant Shipping Department said the 5-year-old Jork Ranger had 12 crew aboard, including Russian, Ukrainian and Filipino nationals, and sustained minor damage to its

Cypriot and Greek authorities were discussing who will head an investigation since the collision occurred in international waters.

The Greek Civil Protection Ministry said the Mindoro had a 24-member crew — seven Greeks, 16 Filipinos and one Romanian. The Mindoro had set sail from England and was heading to the Netherlands.



In this Sept. 24, 2010 photo, unidentified Roma children leave school in Choisy-le-Roi, France, south of Paris. For Europe's 10 to 12 million Roma, as Gypsies are also known, a central factor in their impoverishment is poor access to education, with problems ranging from late starts to early dropouts, from segregated schools in Eastern Europe to the systematic misdiagnosis of mental disabilities.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British police took more than two dozen Roma children as young as 3 into protection Tuesday after raiding houses in London as part of a joint child trafficking investigation with Romanian authorities.

Officers raided 16 properties in east London in an operation safeguard potential victims of a Romanian-

28 Roma children rescued in London police raids

based Roma gang of child Laszlo Andor said Tuesday traffickers," police said.

adults were arrested, including three on suspicion of assault and child neglect.

The raids were part of Operation Golf, a joint British-Romanian police operation against people traffickers from Romania's Roma, or Gypsy, community. "These children are exploited by gangs and in some cases their own parents," who paid criminals to bring the youngsters to Britain to earn money, Chief Inspector Colin Carswell of Operation Golf

The police force said 26 people were arrested in Romania in April in connection with the investigation and were facing charges of child trafficking, organized crime and money laundering.

The arrests come as European authorities struggle to find solutions to the complex issues facing Europe's poorest minority. European Union Social Affairs Commissioner

that it was unacceptable The 28 children would be that Roma have "the same assessed by child protection hopes and dreams" as other experts, police said. Seven European citizens but not the same opportunities."

He called on member states address employment, education and health issues for Europe's 10 million to 12 million Roma.

In August, French authorities began expelling hundreds of Roma back to their home countries. The French government said illegal Roma camps on the outskirts of towns were hubs for child exploitation and prostitution, but the expulsions were condemned by human rights groups and European Union officials.

Romania is one of the poorest members of the EU, which it joined in 2007, and up to 2 million Romanians have left their country in recent years in search of better jobs.

Police believe some were lured by false promises of legitimate employment and found themselves in forced labor and forced prostitution ___



French transport, train strikes enter second day

GREG KELLER **Associated Press Writer**

PARIS (AP) — Train travelers and commuters in France faced a second straight day of disruptions and hassles Wednesday as unions pressed on with an open-ended strike to try to force the government to drop a plan to raise the retirement age by two years.

A day earlier, about 1.23 million people marched in protests against the plan, according to police figures — the largest turnout in four nationwide demonstrations over the last five weeks. Unions put the figure at much higher, at 3.5 million. The strong turnout could be a signal of rising momentum for the movement facing off against President Nicolas Sarkozy's governing conservatives over their proposal to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62. Many youths have now joined in the protest.

The government has refused to back down, saying the plan is the only way to save the money-draining pension system. Some unions upped the ante by declaring openended strikes starting

could drag on for days or even weeks.

On Tuesday, the strike canceled flights and trains and shut down the Eiffel Tower. Students blockaded some high schools, canceling classes.

The outlook for Wednesday was still uncertain in some sectors, but many workers at the national railways planned to stay off the job, and the train network said about one fast train out of three would run.

About three trains out of four were expected to operate on the Paris subway, but some suburban commuter train routes were to be badly hit for a second day.

Some oil workers pledged to keep up a protest at refineries, and one union warned of looming gasoline shortages.

On Tuesday, hundreds of tourists visiting the Eiffel Tower were ushered away after workers there voted to join the strike.

"The closure of the monument is a symbol," said Yann Leloir, a striking employee. The tower — France's most-visited

Tuesday, meaning walkouts monument — is expected to reopen Wednesday as usual.

> Unions fear the erosion of a cherished workplace benefit, and say the costcutting ax is coming down too hard on workers.

> Despite the strikes, parliament has pushed ahead with the reform:

> The lower house approved it last month, and the Senate has already approved the article on raising the retirement age to 62 but is still debating the overall reform.

> Even with the change, France would still have among the lowest retirement ages in the developed world. The country has a huge budget deficit and sluggish growth, and the government says it must get its finances in better order.

France's European Union partners are keeping watch as they face their own budget cutbacks and debt woes. Sarkozy's government is all but staking its chances for victory in presidential and legislative elections in 2012 on the pension reform, which the president has called the last major goal of



Workers take the street during a protest march in Marseille, southern France, Tuesday Oct.12, 2010. Teachers, mail carriers, bus drivers and other French workers try to shut down France in a showdown with President Nicolas Sarkozy over his government's attempt to raise the retirement age by two years to save money. The battle over the contested retirement reform has gone on for months, but this week could prove decisive.

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his term.

Fillon told lawmakers that backing down would be "economic madness and a social catastrophe."

Some high school students took part in protests, saying they feared for their future. In Paris, high schoolers from suburban Vitry-sur-Seine carried a cardboard coffin above their heads in a mock funeral procession. Sarkozy's tomb," said 17-year-old Roxanne Evenisse.

Another marcher said he Prime Minister Francois doubted the protest would move France's leaders. "They are deaf," said Jean

Baillon, 57, an employee

of France's nuclear energy agency, CEA. "But if this lasts a few more days, then maybe that will change." Bernard Thibault, head of the CGT labor union, told i-Tele news channel that this time the strikes "will continue for as long as needed." Past walkouts on the issue lasted only one day.



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Amsterdam.

YAYO" Netherlands Antilles disappeared on 10-10-10

Monday) as of next month.

BY Karel Frielink

The country, the Netherlands Antilles, consisted of Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba, and formed part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. On 10 October 2010 the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as a legal entity. Two new countries were born on that date: the country Curacao and the country St. Maarten. Both new countries are part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; however, they each have their own government and legislature. The island of Aruba gained similar autonomy in 1986.

The legislation currently in place in the NetherlandsAntilles(CivilCode,Administrative Code, Penal Code, Code on Civil Procedure, Regulatory Codes etc.) became the legislation of Curacao and Sint Maarten respectively. The 'cooperation regulation' provides for uniform legislation between the countries Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten.

The three remaining islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, a.k.a. the BES-islands) became special overseas territories (sort of municipalities) of the Netherlands.

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Sr. Gerrit Schotte Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs and Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman.





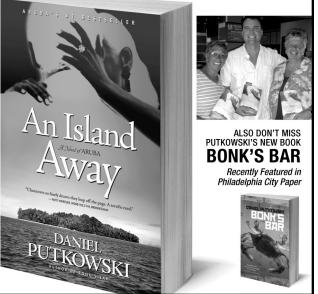


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U.S. Consulate tackles Domestic Violence

the United States Consulate General Curacao organizes lectures under the U.S. Speaker and Specialist Program initiative. The program grants awards to American experts to present lectures, serve as consultants, or conduct workshops and seminars for professional audiences overseas. One of the programs the Consulate organized this year is entitled: Domestic Violence -Women in Crisis which will take place at the University of the Netherlands Antilles on October 14 at 20:00. The event is free and open to the public. The Consulate is pleased to announce that Elaine J. Alpert, M.D.,M. P.H. Senior Global Health Fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital is joining "Seminar Domestic the Violence: Women in Crisis" program. Her experience as a primary care physician, medical educator, public health professor, policy consultant, and advocate for vulnerable populations will benefit the health sector Curação and entities involved in the combating Trafficking in Persons. She is an expert with an understanding of the impact poverty, transnational movement of people and other environmental factors on women. Elaine Alpert has become internationally and respected known for her efforts in health

professions

education,

policy development and community advocacy in violence prevention.

She will share her expertise in a speech entitled Human Trafficking and Health/ Public Health: Research and Collaboration Designed to Make a Difference. After providing an overview of Human Trafficking from a global health perspective, Dr. Alpert will discuss the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine Division of Global Health and Human Rights' recent multi-country research project, which examines ways the local public health systems worldwide can participate in a unified, coordinated response human trafficking.

She will conclude her remarks offering by recommendations for addressing this serious societal issue from the vantage points both of intervention and prevention. Dr. Alpert has worked for many years as an academically based primary care internist and public health professor in the areas of curriculum development, education and training of health care providers, policy development and direct clinical care for survivors of gender-based violence (primarily domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking). She is currently in year two of a VisitingScholarappointment

at the University of British Columbia. Vancouver BC Canada, where she has developed and teaches two upper-level undergraduate courses: Violence Across the Lifespan (an online distance-education course) and another course The other Keynote Speaker for the evening is Marisa Rivera-Albert.

Her speech is entitled: No More!- Stopping the Global Epidemic of

Violence Against Women This presentation share the global status of women, the highlights & the tragedies. It will discuss the global epidemic of Violence against women. From Domestic Violence, to female genital mutilation, to Trafficking of Women and Girls, to war rapes, to pay inequality, to poverty, are all violent acts against women in the World today. Women are the majority in the world- 51% of the global population- If we hold up half of the sky; we should manage half of the earth. This inspiring presentation will present the facts, but will also propose possible solutions for each one of us to take part in saving the world, one woman at a time!

Ms. Rivera-Albert is the President of Mpowerment Works, a consulting firm designed to impact global change by empowering people and focusing on empowering the majority: is a Social Entrepreneur extensive whose work experience in the non-profit, government and private sectors has always been used to resolve justice and equality issues facing the world today.

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The of purpose program is to develop strategies Curacao on for stronger advocacy, including networking, use of social media, and greater interaction between government and private sector while working handin-hand with these sectors. The media are cordially invited to cover the event

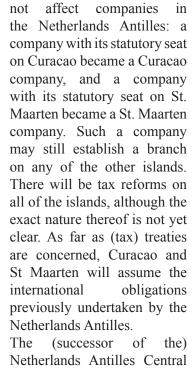


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The (successor of the)
Netherlands Antilles Central
Bank will continue to
supervise banks, funds etc.
on Curacao and St. Maarten.
Supervision on the BESislands will be carried out by
the Dutch Central Bank (DNB)
and the Dutch Authority for
the Financial Market (AFM),

except for branches of banks etc. already subject to home country supervision on Curacao or St. Maarten.

The "Concluding Statement" "Slotverklaring", which was signed between Curacao, Maarten, and Netherlands in November 2006, provides for debt relief and gives Curacao and St. Maarten the opportunity to eliminate their unsustainable debt and start afresh with a new constitutional status with a clean slate. The Netherlands has reserved funding to pay the accrued interest and the greater part of the outstanding debts of Curacao and St. Maarten.

All in all, foreign investors and shareholders have nothing to fear

Despite their new constitutional status, the islands will continue to offer many (regional) advantages.

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The BES-islands became a Dutch public entity, which will lead to the gradual introduction of Dutch law on these islands. These territories, as well as Curacao and St. Maarten, will maintain the (limited) status of 'Overseas Communities and Territories' within the European Union.

Under the new constitution, Curacao and St. Maarten will cooperate on several levels and together with the BES-islands have a common Court of Appeal (the Supreme Court will remain in The Hague). Curacao and St. Maarten have a shared Central Bank. A new monetary unit – the Dutch Caribbean guilder - will replace the current Netherlands Antillean guilder in both countries.

The current reform will









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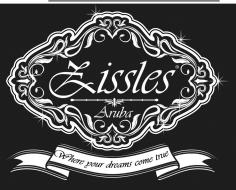
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PwC names four new Directors

ORANJESTAD - PwC is looking to the future and focusing on continuity by naming four new Directors, who all work in the Dutch Caribbean region of PwC.

As of the 1st of October, Herbert van Elferen (1971) has been named as the Director of the Audit office of PwC Aruba. In the Audit office, he is mostly occupied with local government organisations and Aruban organisations in the financial sector.

At PwC Aruba, Van Elferen is also in charge of giving professional technical advice when it comes to the methodology of auditing and financial reporting. Herbert is considered to be of great importance in the local propagation of the profession of accountant. For this reason, next to his work at PwC Aruba, he is also a teacher of The Doctrine of Control and the Supply of Information to Management in Accountancy studies in Aruba.

Van Elferen studied Business Economics at the University of Tilburg

After graduating he started to work in the Netherlands office of PwC and finished successfully, next to his regular job, his postdoctoral studies in Accountancy at the University of Tilburg. As of 2003 Van Elferen decided to establish himself in Aruba, where he continued his career at PwC Aruba. His associates in Aruba, Edsel Lopez and Hans Ruiter, together with existing directors Ruben Goedhoop and Lorena Maduro, are happy to announce the naming of Herbert van Elferen to the position of Director of Audit. Herbert is known in the economic financial world as an indefatigable worker and competent in the area of accountancy in general, but with specific experience in the auditing of financial institutions, banks, insurance agencies and pension funds.

Aside from Herbert van Elferen in Aruba, PwC Dutch Caribbean also named Zuleika Lasten as Director of Tax Services, Arie den Besten as



the Director of Audit for the office in Curacao and Petra Pupping as the Director of Audit for the St. Maarten office. Edsel Lopez, Van Elferen's associate at PwC, expressed his opinion that, even though each one of the new directors has his or her own specific qualities, they also have several important qualities in common with each other. According to Edsel Lopez, "Each one belongs at the top of their area of professionalism. They all have passion for their profession and consider it important to build a relationship with our clients that extends beyond the point when an assignment has been fulfilled.

These qualities form an essential part of the philosophy of our organisation. It manifests itself in the way that we give our support to our clients at the momento that we create the values that they are looking for. It might have to do with the goals of the organisation, their personal goals, or both." Lopez is happy and proud that all four new Directors come directly from the PwC family itself: "Each one of them started at PwC after having finished their studies, they developed themselves and now have been named as Directors. This is something positive, both for our organisation as well as for our relationships. It is further proof that major talents have their place in our organisation. And for our relationships this is an example of the

lasting and strong work that they can expect from our organisation."

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Relationships, you and the other'

Lecture by therapist Diana van Hulten at De Suikertuin Restaurant

ORANJESTAD - Nothing in the world is so fervently desired as having a good relationship; at the same time nothing is as complex as that. How does one get a good relationship? What is it exactly and is `good' for you the same as for the other person. Is it a matter of give and take?

And if so, how much does the other person take? These are the questions that relationship therapist Diana van Hulten addresses during her upcoming lecture at De Suikertuin Restaurant in the Wilhelminastraat. A partner relationship remains a dynamic process and how you experience it forms part of the most important relationship, the one with yourself.

Diana van Hulten has studied relationship therapy and she gained more in-depth knowledge in Non Violent Communication (empathy), Emotional Focused Therapy for Couples, Spiral Dynamics and she is also a NLP Master Coach. She is counseling people in their personal and professional development at her practice Candor Coach and Counseling.

The lecture at De Suikertuin is held in Dutch on Wednesday, October 20 from 19.30 − 21.00. The entry fee is AWG. 17,50 and coffee or tea with pan bollo will be served. □



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In this photo taken Oct. 5, 2010, Chris Nowinski, presidentoftheSportsLegacy Institute, former Harvard football player, and World Wrestling **Entertainment** wrestler. Nowinski, who had to retire due to concussions. now contributes to research on the traumatic injury by asking elite athletes to donate their brains to science after they die.

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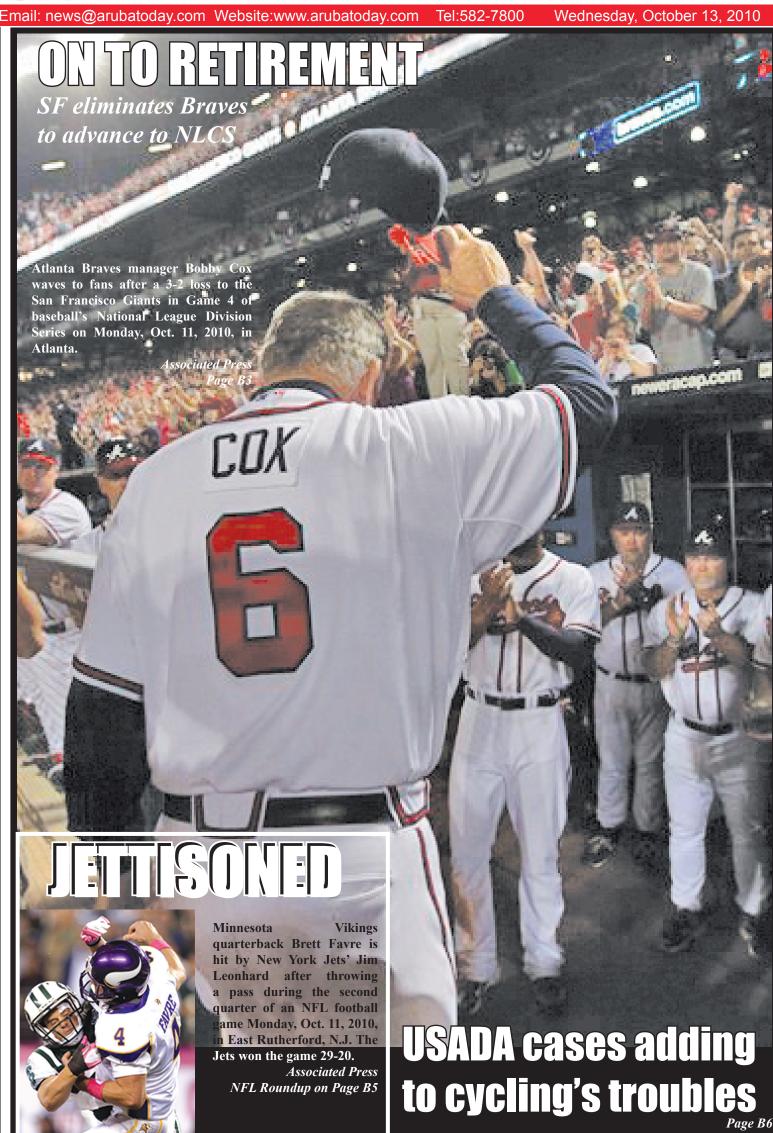
300 athletes helping with brain injury studies

By PAT GRAHAM AP Sports Writer

Since his college days, New England Revolution forward Taylor Twellman has had seven diagnosed concussions. Given all the headers and hits over his career, he's wondering if that number might be drastically higher.

Twellman still deals with the effects of a concussion he sustained during a collision with a goalkeeper two years ago, one that possibly cost him a shot at making the U.S. World Cup team and cut short his 2010 season after going on injured reserve in late June. Now he's volunteered to join a Boston University medical school program in which researchers are trying to better understand the long-term effects of repeated concussions.

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This Jan. 20, 2010, file photo shows Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson during an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Turkish club hopes to sign Allen Iverson

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The coach of Besiktas Cola Turka hopes to finalize negotiations with former NBA most valuable player Allen Iverson soon.

Burak Biyiktay says Tuesday the Istanbul club has offered a contract to Iverson's manager for a one-year stint in Turkey. Biyiktay says Iverson would bring a "new vision to the team." He says "Iverson is a great trademark and would be the biggest name to come to Turkey."

Gary Moore, Iverson's personal manager, has said there is strong interest in both sides to work out a deal that would send the 11-time All-Star overseas.

Iverson is 17th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,368 points over a 14-year career.

Cheruiyot, Lel pull out of **New York City Marathon**

NEW YORK (AP) — Kenyan stars Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot and Martin Lel have pulled out of next month's New York City Marathon because of leg injuries.

Lel won in New York in 2003 and 2007 and is a three-time London Marathon champion. NYC Marathon organizer New York Road Runners announced on Tuesday that Lel had a right leg iniury

Cheruiyot is out with a groin injury. He has won the Boston Marathon four times, most recently in 2008, and was the runnerup in New York last year.

The Nov. 7 men's race will be headlined by the NYC Marathon debut of marathon world record-holder Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia, and American Meb Keflezighi's shot at defending his

Report: Agent admits paying college players



North Carolina football coach Butch Davis pauses during a news conference Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Defensive tackle Marvin Austin was kicked off the football team Monday and the school said the NCAA has declared receiver Greg Little and defensive end Robert Quinn permanently ineligible. The announcements from the school and the NCAA came as part of the ongoing investigations into whether players received improper benefits from agents.

Associated Press

NEW YORK – A former sports agent tells Sports Illustrated he paid college football players early in his career, and several of them confirm it to the magazine.

In the Oct. 18 edition, Josh

30 players from 1990-96, including many who didn't sign with him.

He said quarterback Ryan Leaf, the second pick in the 1998 draft who famously flopped in the pros, took more

than \$10,000, most of which Luchs said he paid more than TOON KEY SANCTUARY ARUBA

he voluntarily paid back after signing with another agent. Leaf declined to comment on specific allegations.

Luchs told the magazine he also paid first-round picks Jamir Miller and Chris Mims. Miller, a linebacker from UCLA taken 10th by the Cardinals in 1994, declined comment. Mims, a defensive lineman from Tennessee taken 23rd by the Chargers in 1992, died in 2008.

The former agent also said that while he was recruiting Ohio State receiver Santonio Holmes in 2005, Holmes said he had been taking money from an agent for a couple of years. Holmes, now with the Jets, told the magazine that the story was untrue.

Luchs was suspended for a year by the NFL Players Association in 2007 over the handling of a commission check. He says he's telling his story because "I don't want my career to be defined by that suspension."

Luchs says he didn't pay players while working with Gary Wichard, the agent linked to the investigation of NCAA violations at North Carolina. But he says Wichard and John Blake, the Tar Heels assistant who resigned amid investigation, worked together in violation of NCAA rules in 2002.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that the league has talked to college coaches and agents about reports that a coach was on an agent's payroll.

"We had a report today from our college relations committee on our relationship with agents and college coaches. This is an area of great concern by the coaches on the college level, and we want to be responsive to that," Goodell said in Chicago, site of the NFL's fall meetings. "I think there is going to be an effort with college coaches and the agent community itself, possibly the NFL and NFLPA and to work together to bring a solution."

Luchs also told SI that ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper also helped Wichard recruit players, describing a 2000 meeting Stanford defensive lineman Willie Howard in which Wichard had arranged for Kiper to call as he talked with the player.

Kiper told SI he "would never promote Gary or another agent to a player" and denied that the call was prearranged.

"Conversations with players, which are occasionally facilitated by agents, are a valuable way to get to know the players," Kiper said in a statement through an ESPN spokesman. "These conversations have compromised my integrity and my 32-year record supports that."

Luchs sued Wichard for breach of contract after leaving his agency and lost the lawsuit. Wichard filed the grievance with the NFLPA over Luchs' handling of the check.

Wichard and Blake declined money from him.

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Luchs says Jonathan Ogden, the Baltimore Ravens 11-time Pro Bowl tackle, wouldn't take money but accepted Janet Jackson concert tickets in violation of NCAA rules. Ogden confirmed the account. Luchs lists more than 20 other players he says he paid: Michigan State's Tony Banks; Arizona's Rob Waldrop; Tennessee's Chuck Webb; State's Portland Darick Holmes; Illinois' Mel Agee; Claridge, USC's Travis Phalen Pounds, R. Jay Soward Delon Washington; Colorado's Kanavis McGhee, Joel Steed and Greg Thomas; Washington State's Leon Bender, Torey Hunter, Singor Mobley and John Rushing; and UCLA's Chris Alexander, Ryan Fien, Carl Greenwood, Othello Henderson, Vaughn Parker, Matt Soenksen and Bruce Walker.

Alexander, Greenwood Henderson, Mobley, Soenksen, Soward, and Walker confirmed receiving money. Fien, Hunter, Steed and Waldrop said they did not receive money from Luchs.

Banks, Parker, Pounds and Rushing declined to comment on the allegations. Holmes, McGhee, Thomas, Washington and Webb did not respond to requests to comment.

Agee, Claridge and Bender are deceased.

Luchs says Dana Stubblefield, J.J. Stokes and Keyshawn Johnson declined to take

Giants send Cox into retirement with Game 5 win

By PAUL NEWBERRY AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA – The San Francisco Giants couldn't wait to get to the champagne, to pop the cork on a celebration eight years in the making.

But first, they had to pay their respects to the guy in the other dugout.

Bobby Cox's career ended when the Atlanta Braves lost to the Giants 3-2 in the deciding game of the NL division series Monday night, giving San Francisco its first playoff victory since a run to the World Series in 2002.

The chants of "Bobby! Bobby! Bobby!" from the crowd at Turner Field were to be expected for a retiring manager who's sure to wind up in Cooperstown. The more touching gesture was provided by the Giants, who quit jumping around long enough to clap for Cox and tip their caps in his direction.

"He's a legend in this sport," second baseman Freddy Sanchez said. "He's been a great mentor to so many people in the sport. We had to show our respect. First things first. Then we could go celebrate." They certainly had reason.

Twenty-one-year-old rookie Madison Bumgarner pitched six strong innings. Late-season pickup Cody Ross homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the seventh. Finally, the San Francisco bullpen closed out a series that was tight and tense to the very end.

The Braves coaxed two walks out of San Francisco closer Brian Wilson in the bottom of the ninth, but they couldn't get the hit that might've extended Cox's career for at least one more game. Omar Infante struck out on a checked swing, and Melky Cabrera hit a routine grounder to third.

Just like that, it was over.

The Giants were moving on to face two-time NL champion Philadelphia in the league championship series.

Cox was hanging up that familiar No. 6 uniform for the final time.

"It doesn't feel like the last time I'm putting it on, but it certainly is," he said, his voice cracking. "I won't put it on again." Every game was decided by one run, but the Giants won three of them to take the best-of-five series and earn a shot at knocking off the mighty Phillies. Game 1 is Saturday at Philadelphia and features a marquee matchup of Cy Young winners: Tim Lincecum vs. Roy Halladay.

Lincecum beat the Braves with a two-hit, 14-strikeout shutout in Game 1. Halladay pitched a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his postseason debut, getting the Phillies started on a sweep of the Reds.

"They have unbelievable pitching," Ross said. "It's going to be pretty much like this series."

In the next round, the Giants will be facing a much more potent lineup than anything the Braves could muster. They didn't have the strongest lineup to begin with and came into the playoffs without two of the their best hitters, Chipper Jones and Martin Prado, both out with seasonending injuries.

Atlanta hit .175 as a team and scored only nine runs in the four games.

"Our pitching, I can't say enough about," Ross said. "We scored only a handful of runs and ended up winning the series in four games. It just goes to show how valuable they are."

Bumgarner did his part, allowing only six hits and two runs. He wound up getting the win as the Giants scored twice in the top half of the seventh, again aided by some shaky Atlanta defense.

This time, it wasn't Brooks Conrad — the guy who made three errors in Game 3 didn't start. Instead, shortstop Alex Gonzalez made two errors, the second of them a high throw that just barely pulled Infante off the bag on an attempted force at second.

That miscue allowed Ross to get to the plate, and he came through with a single to left just out of Gonzalez's reach to bring home the go-ahead run. Pat Burrell also attempted to score, but he was thrown out at the plate to end the inning. Not to worry. A 3-2 lead was good enough for the Giants bullpen. Santiago Casilla worked 1 2-3 innings, Javier Lopez struck



Members of the San Francisco Giants, including Tim Lincecum, top, react at the end of a 3-2 win over the Atlanta Braves in Game 4 of baseball's National League Division Series on Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, in Atlanta.

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out Jason Heyward to end the eighth and Wilson earned his second save in as many nights.

"This series had everything," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Just the intensity and excitement of the series, it had to be thrilling for the fans. There was never an easy moment for Bobby or myself, because these games could have gone either way."

Atlanta starter Derek Lowe pitched no-hit ball into the sixth inning, and still it wasn't enough. The Braves have yet to win at Turner Field with a series on the line, losing for the eighth straight time in that situation since the Ted opened to baseball in 1997.

Cox won't get a chance to end that streak, calling it a career at age 69.

He heads for the rocking chair as the fourth-winningest manager in baseball history (2,504 regular-season victories) but one major shortcoming on a record that will surely be good enough for the Hall of Fame. In 16 trips to the playoffs — one with Toronto, 15 with the Braves — Cox's teams captured only one World Series title, way back in 1995.

A Braves fan held up a sign pleading for the team to "Win It For Bobby," but Ross and the Giants were in no mood for sentimentality.
They were ready to party.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Lincecum said. "Guys tell you, but you don't know until it happens. A lot of

swearing, a lot of screaming, a lot of alcohol." Ross, who was acquired on waivers from Florida in late

waivers from Florida in late August, has already paid big dividends in October. With one out in the sixth, he struck for San Francisco's first hit of the game — a liner that barely cleared the left-field wall. Then, after Brian McCann put the Braves back in front with a homer of his own, Ross came through with the go-ahead hit. Lowe — rocking back and forth, muttering to himself and sweating profusely on an unseasonably warm night — did all he could on three days' rest.



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In this Nov. 3, 2007, file photo, New England Revolution forward Taylor Twellman, center, heads the ball between New York Red Bulls' Jeff Parke, left, and Hunter Freeman during an MLS Eastern Conference semifinal soccer match at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. Since his college days, Twellman has had seven diagnosed concussions. Given all the headers and hits over his career, he's wondering if that number might even be drastically higher.

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Continued from Page B1 He's one of 300 athletes in just the last two years who have agreed to undergo a battery of annual tests and donate their brain after death.

BRAIN INJURY

"It's not hard (to donate) in that you want to help people down the road," Twellman told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "But it is hard since they want your brain because it's been damaged."

The athlete registry is the work of the university's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, a collaborative venture between BU Medical School and the Sports Legacy Institute that's addressing what it calls the "concussion crisis" in sports. The group has been at the forefront of research into head trauma in sports and received a \$1 million gift from the NFL, which it has pushed for better treatment of concussions.

In addition to the athlete volunteers, the families of 40 deceased players have donated brain and spinal column tissue of their loved ones to the center. The material has been studied to see if repetitive head injuries possibly led to a degenerative disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

Chris Nowinski, the cofounder of the Sports Legacy Institute, leads the charge to round up donors.

A former football player at Harvard, Nowinski got involved after his career with World Wrestling Entertainment was cut short because of repeated concussions that were so bad he couldn't even remember the script for the bout.

"I think we all know that this is a significant problem that has been ignored," Nowinski said. "These athletes are like, 'I don't need my brain when I go, especially if something good can come of it."

Still, it's not always an easy

"Even good friends of mine who are former athletes are completely uncomfortable with the idea of donating your brain," Nowinski said. "But we need a registry to accelerate our search for treatment."

So far, the athlete registry consists primarily of pro wrestlers, hockey and football players, including former NHL standout Keith Primeau and current Baltimore Ravens offensive lineman Matt Birk, according to a partial list provided to the AP.

Donors to the brain bank include former Philadelphia Eagles safety Andre Waters and Penn football player Owen Thomas, both of whom committed suicide. The family of pro wrestler Chris Benoit also bequeathed his brain after Benoit killed his wife, son and himself at his suburban Atlanta home in June 2007.

All three athletes showed signs of CTE, a disease that has been connected to depression and impulse control issues in NFL players who have sustained concussions.

Thomas, who would have been a senior, killed himself in April. He had no history of concussions, but an autopsy on Thomas' brain by the center's researchers showed he had the early stages of CTE.

Ideally, Nowinski said the center would like to sign up 50 athletes from each sport. Most of the volunteers are men, but there are women in the registry including soccer player Cindy Parlow and swimmer Jenny Thompson. Athletes who are enrolled in the registry take a medical

cognitive tests and answer an array of questions, such as if they've been dealing with bouts of depression. It's a way to establish a medical baseline, helping researchers watch for signs of CTE, which can eventually lead to dementia.

"We have no idea how much head trauma is necessary to produce (CTE)," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a clinical professor of neurosurgery and co-founder of the institute. "We just know those who play sports and who have higher amounts of head trauma have a higher incident of it. ... This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of studying this problem."

Cantu said studies have shown a first-string college football player in a given year experiences between 800 and 1,500 blows to the head of a G-force greater than 20. That's the equivalent of about a 20-mph car crash each time.

"Not enough to produce a concussion, but a substantial jolt," Cantu said. "Let's make (sports) as safe as we can because total head trauma in susceptible individuals can lead to some really bad stuff."

Over his 13-year NFL career, Birk has sustained at least three concussions, with being jarred senseless on numerous occasions. He realizes the importance of the research.

"It's something that needs to be figured out because it's somewhat alarming to me as a player what they've found in a short amount of time," said Birk, who played football at Harvard with Nowinski.

Twellman has been struggling

history every year, perform to retain his form since taking a punch to the face while scoring a goal against Los Angeles on Aug. 30, 2008. 30-year-old The striker doesn't know when - or if — he will return to the soccer

> "It's very difficult not do what you're paid to do, what you're born to do," Twellman said. "I'm starting to feel better, having more good days than bad days. But I haven't gotten over the hump to have all good days yet."

> In a nine-year NFL career, offensive lineman Kyle Turley estimates he took hundreds of hits to the head bad enough to possibly give him a concussion. As if that wasn't enough, he also used to fire himself up with hard slaps to the side of his head before every game.

> After retiring following a career with the Saints, Rams and Chiefs, the tattoo-laden Turley experienced severe headaches, sensitivity to light, vertigo, depression and memory issues.

> So he went searching for answers and ran across Nowinski at a retired players conference in Las Vegas 18 months ago.

> Nowinski was someone who helped him make some sense of his situation.

> "As a player, you're going to go out there and gladly give your body and your brain and everything else, you go out there risking your life," said Turley, a budding country musician in Nashville, Tenn., and one of the athletes in the ongoing study.

"The reality is you're going to be left with a lifelong battle of severe injuries. They have answers for every other injury but the head."



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Jets overcome Favre's milestones for 29-20 win

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr. AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

- Brett Favre addressed his teammates before the game amid all the distractions. Hours later, the record-breaking quarterback put all that aside and nearly led the Minnesota Vikings to another of his classic comebacks. The New York Jets would have none of it.

With Favre trying to rally his team, Dwight Lowery returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown with 1:30 left as the Jets beat the Vikings 29-20 on Monday night.

"Disappointing, I suppose," Favre said. "I was expecting we were going to win this football game. It was a great football game and I wish we would have won it."

Nick Folk kicked five field goals for the Jets (4-1), two after fumbles by Favre.

"That's a heck of a win," New York coach Rex Ryan said.

Now, the 41-yearold quarterback is left wondering if an even bigger punishment is in store from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Favre finished 14 for 34 for 264 yards for the Vikings (1-3) hours after he reportedly apologized to teammates for the distraction caused by an NFL investigation into allegations that he sent racy messages and lewd photos to a Jets game hostess in 2008. "I said what I had to say," Favre said, refusing to answer questions about the situation. "I'm disappointed we lost this football game."

Brushing off those issues, he became the first NFL player to throw 500 touchdown passes and for 70,000 yards. But two early fumbles against his former team helped put the Vikings in a 12-0 hole.

"I don't think anyone wanted to win this game more than him," wide receiver Percy Harvin said. "He was well prepared, so I don't think any of that outside stuff had anything to do with how he played."

Favre, who played for the Jets

during the 2008 season, threw three touchdowns, including two to Harvin. The second — an 11-yard pass — brought the Vikings within two points with 3:09 left in the game.

"We were brilliant in the first half and we knew you have to play four quarters," Ryan said. "This guy is as good as it gets."

The Vikings had the ball with 1:43 remaining and poised for a winning drive — until Favre's last big mistake sent Minnesota to its seventh consecutive loss to New York. "I think everyone who watches us play sees flashes of a team that can be 3-1, 4-0," Favre said. "Not that we're not capable. We're very capable." Favre also played through some mild tendinitis in his throwing elbow.

"This is probably the worst it's felt in four games," he said. "I missed some throws the last drive I think I make in my sleep."

The game marked the Vikings debut for Randy Moss, who finished with four catches for 81 yards, including a 37-yard touchdown late in the third quarter.

With the Jets leading 12-0 and the Vikings facing third-and-17 from the Jets 37, Favre reared back and lofted the ball perfectly into Moss' hands in the back right corner of the end zone with 2:10 left in the quarter. Favre zipped down

during the 2008 season, threw the field and jumped into three touchdowns, including Moss' arms in the end zone to two to Harvin. The second — celebrate the score.

"When I threw that touchdown to Randy Moss, I had been thinking about that for eight to 10 years," Favre said.

Favre also became the first to reach 70,000 yards passing on the drive that cut the Jets lead to 12-7.

Moss, acquired from New England last Wednesday, was defended mostly by Antonio Cromartie despite the return of Darrelle Revis from a strained left hamstring.

Adrian Peterson had 88 yards on 18 carries for Minnesota.

Less than 5 minutes after connecting with Moss, Favre hit Harvin for a 34-yard touchdown that made it 15-13. But Favre's tying 2-point conversion try was intercepted by Cromartie in the end zone. Shonn Greene's 23-yard touchdown run with 4:30 left in the game gave the Jets a 22-13 lead that appeared to seal the victory, but Favre still had plenty of time to try for a comeback.

"We just hung in there to the end," Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "I don't think we win this game last year." New York's offense struggled for the first time since Week 1, failing to get much going — other than field goals — until late. Sanchez was 21 of 44 for 191 yards, and still hasn't thrown an interception



Minnesota Vikings' Brett Favre reacts after failing to get a first down during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the New York Jets early Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets won 29-20.

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this season, although he came close a few times.

Santonio Holmes played his first game with the Jets after being suspended the first four for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. He finished with three catches for 41 yards.

LaDainian Tomlinson had another solid game for the Jets with 94 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Folk's fifth field goal, a 31-yarder, made it 15-7 with 49 seconds left in the third. The score was set up by Brad Smith's 86-yard kickoff return.

"You have to hunker down and bear through those things and we did that tonight," said New York's Jason Taylor, who had one of four sacks of Favre. "We were mentally tough enough to do that."

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U.S. anti-doping cases adding to cycling's troul



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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — Though there are no Tour de France winners on the list, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has sanctioned five cyclists for doping in the past two months — an unusually high number for a single sport, and one that is expected to keep growing over the next several weeks.

The recent surge has resulted from a combination of factors, including information provided by Joe Papp, who has been a key USADA informant since admitting in 2006 he cheated. Papp, who says systematic doping goes on in cycling, was a USADA witness in the 2007 case that resulted in Floyd Landis having his Tour de France title stripped for drug use.

Landis has since admitted he doped and has accused Lance Armstrong and others of cheating, as well. The Landis allegations helped set in motion a federal investigation into cycling, including Armstrong. Though not directly linked, the USADA cases have been popping up regularly since the federal investigation began in earnest this summer.

The cases create yet more problems for a sport that has been in turmoil, with Tour de France winner Alberto Contador among the latest to be accused of doping. Contador has been provisionally suspended after a small amount of the banned drug clenbuterol was discovered in one of his urine samples. Also in the past month, four Spanish riders have been suspended for doping offenses.

USADA CEO Travis Tygart said he could not comment on specific cases.

"The win-at-all-cost culture is driving athletes and support personnel to do everything possible, including using these dangerous drugs to win," Tygart said. "We're going to aggressively pursue the truth to do the best we can to dismantle that culture where it exists."

Pat McQuaid, head of the International Cycling Union, declined comment for this

Steve Johnson, the CEO of USA Cycling, gave an emphatic "no," when asked if he felt his sport was under siege by doping authorities, saying cycling has taken the most aggressive approach to anti-doping in sports by using biological passports, among other methods, to catch cheaters.

"We are light years ahead of every other sport in the fight against doping," Johnson said. "We know some people are going to cheat, so when you are as aggressive as cycling has been, people are going to get caught and that's what we are seeing. We have to be willing to endure the process of cleaning up the sport. Cycling has shown that no one is immune, as big name riders have been suspended in the past."

Not everyone believes cycling is doing everything it can, however.

This month, Italy's anti-doping prosecutor Ettore Torri said cheating was so widespread that one possible solution might be to legalize doping.

"I'm not the only one saying it. Lately, all of the cyclists I've interrogated have said that everyone dopes," Torri said in an interview with The Associated Press.



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NHL Roundup

Carter's two goals lifts Flyers over Avalanche

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Carter scored his second goal of the game with 2:38 left in the third period to put Philadelphia ahead and the Flyers went on to win 4-2 win over the Colorado Avalanche in the NHL on Monday.

Carter's shot bounced through the legs of goalie Craig Anderson. Darroll Powe added an empty-netter only moments later for some insurance on the night the Flyers raised their Eastern Conference champions banner.

Claude Giroux scored a short-handed goal for the Flyers.

Brandon Yip and Milan Hejduk had scored for the Avalanche to help them rally from a 2-0 hole and tie the game.

Blackhawks 4, Sabres 3

In Buffalo, Marian Hossa scored twice to help Chicago edge Buffalo.

The game was marred by a scary moment in the first period when Sabres right wing Jason Pominville was carted off on a stretcher after being hit into the boards from behind by Chicago defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson. Pominville was concussed, while Hjalmarsson was given a 5-minute major for boarding and a game misconduct.

Nick Leddy got his first career NHL goal, and Corey Crawford shrugged off a shaky start to win his second NHL game in goal. Patrick Kane also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks, who won their first game of the season after two defeats.

Drew Stafford and Derek Roy each had a goal and assist, and Tim Connolly also scored for the Sabres.

Islanders 6, Rangers 4

In Uniondale, Blake Comeau and P.A. Parenteau scored power-play goals 58 seconds apart late in the third period, rallying the Islanders over the Rangers in the all-New York clash.

Parenteau, a former Rangers forward, tied it with 4:24 remaining and Comeau put the Islanders in front for good with his second of the day and third in two games. Nine

of Comeau's 35 NHL goals have been scored against the Rangers in 14 games.

Frans Nielsen added a late empty-net goal. Josh Bailey and Matt Moulson also had goals for the Islanders.

Artem Anisimov gave the Rangers a 4-3 lead with 7:14 left, but they couldn't hold on for their second road win. Brandon Dubinsky scored a power-play goal in the first period, and defensemen Michael Del Zotto and Dan Girardi connected in the second.

Capitals 3, Senators 2, OT

In Washington, Alex Ovechkin scored with 31 seconds remaining in overtime, lifting Washington over Ottawa.

Ovechkin, who had been limited to two shots, skated down the right wing, got a half-stride on a defenseman and sent a wrist shot from the right circle past the goalie for his third goal of the season.

Alexander Semin and Eric Fehr scored for the Capitals. Jarkko Ruutu and Ryan Shannon scored for Ottawa, which is winless in three games this season.

In St. Louis, David Backes and Andy McDonald broke a 42-year-old franchise record by scoring 6 seconds apart early in the first period, and St. Louis went on to a victory over Anaheim.

Backes scored at 3:53 when he sneaked down the left side after an Anaheim turnover and fired in a centering pass. T.J. Oshie won the ensuing faceoff at center ice, got the puck back in the high slot and fed it to McDonald near the left circle, whose wrist shot immediately made it 2-0.

The two goals in a 6-second span broke the previous club record of 7 seconds apart set in 1968.

In other NHL games it was N.Y. Islanders 6, N.Y. Rangers 4; St. Louis 5, Anaheim 1; Pittsburgh 3, New Jersey 1; Chicago 4, Buffalo 3; Philadelphia 4, Colorado 2; Washington 3, Ottawa 2, OT; and Vancouver 2, Florida 1.□



Philadelphia Flyers' Mike Richards, from right, Jeff Carter, Chris Pronger and Matt Carle celebrate after a goal by Carter as Colorado Avalanche's John-Michael Liles and Scott Hannan look on in the third period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 4-2.

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Red Wings' Maltby to announce retirement

DETROIT – Saying he never could have imagined playing over 1,000 NHL games and winning four Stanley Cups, Detroit Red Wings' forward Kirk Maltby announced his retirement on Tuesday.

Maltby, 37, played 14 seasons with the Red Wings, mostly as a key member of the team's "Grind Line" that shut down opposing scorers and helped the Wings win four Stanley Cups while he was in Detroit

"When I won my first Cup (if) my career would have ended the next day, I would have been satisfied," said Maltby, who choked up several times during the press conference at Joe Louis Arena. "But winning four Stanley Cups and representing my country and winning a couple of times exceed my expectations."

He played the first two seasons of his NHL career with the Edmonton Oilers.

Maltby's contract expired at the end of last season and he signed a two-way contract with the opportunity to make the team. He played well in exhibitions but not well enough to earn a spot in a



This June 1, 2009, file photo shows Detroit Red Wings' Kirk Maltby during a media availability for the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals, in Pittsburgh.

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deep forward group. Maltby decided not to join Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League.

"I knew what the situation was from talking to Kenny (Detroit vice president and general manager Ken Holland) a bunch of times over the summer," he said. Holland said Maltby never complained when his role ice

over the summer," he said. Holland said Maltby never complained when his role, ice time and salary diminished as he got older and even took younger players under his wing

"Maybe his greatest gift to us all this time has been absolutely no ego," Red Wings' coach Mike Babcock said. "He's come every day whether he played six minutes, 12 minutes or 18 minutes or whatever he did. He's just a professional and did it right."

Maltby is not leaving the Red Wings, however, he'll remain in the organization as a pro scout.

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Montgomerie hails Europe's rise after Ryder win

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Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Lee Westwood's imminent rise to the world No. 1 ranking will cap a year in which golf's balance of power has tipped from America back to Europe, Colin Montgomerie said on Tuesday.

Highlights included regaining the Ryder Cup, Graeme McDowell winning the U.S. Open and Martin Kaymer the U.S. PGA Championship. And though British Open winner Louis Oosthuizen was South African, he was also a European Tour member, Montgomerie noted at a charity golf event.

"It's a changing of the guard over to Europe," he said.

Westwood, a member of the winning Ryder Cup team, is expected to take over the top



The two European Major winners, Germany's Martin Kaymer, (with the US PGA trophy), left, Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell, (with the US Open trophy) right, pose with Ryder Cup Captain Colin Montgomerie (with the Ryder Cup) during the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews Golf Course, Scotland, Friday Oct. 8, 2010.

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spot from Tiger Woods on Nov. 1 — if he rests his right ankle injury for the rest of the month and if Woods follows his schedule of not playing before the HSBC Champions in Shanghai from Nov. 4-7.

Although, with Kaymer rising two spots to No. 4 thanks to his third straight win on the European Tour at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship last weekend, Montgomerie joked that Westwood should look over his shoulder.

"If (Kaymer) continues his way, he'll probably beat Lee Westwood to (No. 1) if he keeps winning," he said.

However, Montgomerie predicted that losing the top ranking would fuel Woods' competitive drive. The 14-time major winner has held the top spot since 2005.

"Knowing Tiger as I do, Tiger will probably go out and win the HSBC world event," he said. "He won't like being No. 2 at anything."

Montgomerie added the Ryder Cup win was also key to maintaining international sponsor interest in the European Tour.

"Economically, we needed the win," he said. "Sponsorship is more difficult now than it's ever been before in these economic times, especially in Europe. It's important for us as the European Tour to show to the world ... that we are a tour that is strong, very strong."

Having fulfilled his mission as Ryder Cup captain, the 31-time tour winner said he wants to get his own game back into shape, noting that he has not enjoyed a top-10 finish in the past two years because his captaincy was so consuming. His world ranking has dropped to 417th.

Montgomerie joked about aspiring to become the oldest winner on the European Tour at 47.

"Every time I was on a golf course I was looking at the scoreboard looking for other players — where are they, what they're doing, who they are," he said. "I just want to try and concentrate on my own game."

Roddick into second round in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (AP) — Andy Roddick reached the second round of the Shanghai Masters after Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany retired ill on Tuesday.

Kohlschreiber stopped while trailing 6-3, 2-1 after missing an easy overhead, shanking a forehand wide, and double-faulting to drop his serve.

Roddick, in and out of the top-10 rankings for the last two months, is looking to avoid falling out of the year-end top 10 for the first time in nine seasons.

The 11th-ranked Roddick reached the Japan quarterfinals last week, his first tournament since an early exit at the U.S. Open.

"I thought I hit the ball well in what we did play today. I started to hit the ball pretty well last week, also," Roddick said. "I don't feel like I'm fighting myself out there. After the Open, I was able to train the way I want to for the first time in a while."

Fellow American John Isner fought off five match points in the two tiebreakers to beat Polish qualifier Lukasz Kubot 4-6, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (7) in 2 hours, 50 minutes. Isner served 24 aces, but failed to break Kubot once.

Next up for Isner is third-seeded Roger Federer, who received a bye in the first round.

In the only second-round match on Tuesday, Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic defeated Tommy Robredo of Spain 6-0, 6-4, despite the fact he's been battling stomach problems for the past two days.

"I felt quite weak so I was trying to play a little more aggressively, play really risky shots just to try to hang in there," Berdych said. "I was really lucky I don't know what could have happened if I lost the second set."

Seventh-seeded Berdych, still seeking his first title of the



American Andy Roddick returns the ball against Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany during the round one of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010. Roddick won 6-3, 2-1 as Kohlschreiber retired the match.

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year, could meet Roddick next if the American gets past Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

Chinese wild card Yan Bai, ranked 465th, upset 30th-ranked Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4 for his first win on the main tour.

Yan lined up fourth-seeded Andy Murray in the second round.

"I have some pressure, of course, because this is my home country," Yan said. "(Murray) is a very talented player — much better than me. I hope to learn from him in our match."

David Ferrer of Spain, runner-up at the China Open to Novak Djokovic, rolled past Michael Llodra of France, 7-6 (2), 6-1, while Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia struggled to beat another Chinese wild card, 308th-ranked Zhang Ze 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic beat Kazakhstan's Andrey Golubev 6-3, 6-4, and Spain's Daniel Gimeno-Traver, a lucky loser who replaced the injured Mardy Fish, rallied past Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 before rain shortened the schedule.

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Intel's net income up 59 pct, dampened by PC pain

By JORDAN ROBERTSON,

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Intel's net income leaped 59 percent in the latest quarter, despite economic edginess that curbed PC appetite.

The technology-industry bellwether's jump would have been higher the economy hadn't dampened back-to-school spending. Still, investors sent shares up slightly in extended trading.

Astheworld'sbiggestmakerofmicroprocessors, the "brains" of PCs, Intel is a proxy for the overall PC market, which has stumbled in the past few months.

Intel said after the market closed Tuesday that it earned \$2.96 billion, or 52 cents per share, compared with \$1.86 billion, or 33 cents per share, a year ago. Analysts expected 50 cents per share, according to a Thomson Reuters survey.

Revenue rose 18 percent to \$11.10 billion. Analysts expected \$10.99 billion.

Intel had already tamped down investors' expectations when it cut its third-quarter guidance in August.

Job-market jitters have caused shoppers to hang on to more of their money, turning back-to-school into a bust for many PC makers and their suppliers. The focus now is on the industry's other make-or-break moment: the holiday shopping season.

Many analysts are predicting this winter will be healthier than the fall. Intel's fourth-quarter forecast seems to support that. Intel is predicting revenue of \$11.0 billion to \$11.8 billion in the fourth quarter. Analysts were expecting \$11.3 billion.

CEO Paul Otellini said Intel continues to see "healthy worldwide demand for computing products of all types."

Shares of Intel increased 22 cents to \$19.99 in extended trading. Before the release of results, it closed up 21 cents, or 1.1 percent, at \$19.77



In this Oct. 8, 2010 photo, Intel chips are displayed at a computer store in Santa Clara, Calif. Intel Corp. is scheduled to report its third-quarter financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 12, after the market closes.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

High hopes for iPad push Apple shares near \$300

By JESSICA MINTZ, AP Technology Writer

SEATTLE – Apple Inc.'s stock flirted with \$300 Tuesday as investors high on the iPad's promise pushed shares to a record peak. Analysts see few reasons to believe shares will stop there.

As was the case with the iPhone, Apple's iPad is setting the standards for this generation of tablet computers as competitors scramble to match the design and functions.

So far, no credible challengers have hit the market. Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer has promised Windows-based tablets, but so far there are no solid details. Meanwhile, tablets based on Google Inc.'s Android system are starting to emerge, but they have smaller screens than the iPad's.

In the first quarter it was available, Apple sold 3.3 million iPads. That's about three times the number of iPhones sold in the first full quarter the smart phones were on sale in 2007.

Rajesh Ghai, an analyst for ThinkEquity LLC, said he believes Apple sold 5.7 million iPads in the most recent quarter, which ended in September. He said that adds about \$3 billion in

revenue — not bad for a product category that didn't exist before April. Analysts' estimates for iPad unit sales in 2011 are in flux, with those on the conservative end putting the number around 20 million while more bullish forecasters say it could be 50 million.

"Clearly the iPad proved to be a hit beyond Apple's wildest dreams," Ghai said in an interview.

A few other factors are bolstering investors' enthusiasm for Apple, which reports its quarterly results on Monday. The Cupertino, Calif.-based company is planning a big push in China, with 25 retail stores expected to open there by the end of next year.

There's also the new slate of iPods, which Apple unveiled in September, in time for the profitable gadgets to make their way onto holiday shopping lists.

And investors may be choosing to believe increasingly loud buzz that Verizon Wireless will get its own version of the iPhone in 2011. In the U.S., the iPhone is only available on AT&T Inc.'s network, which is straining in some cities under the heavy volume of data consumed by iPhone users. Adding carrier partners could

lure U.S. smart phone buyers who have been reluctant to switch to already-taxed AT&T.

Shares in Apple traded as high as \$299.50 Tuesday before ending the day at \$298.54, a gain of \$3.18.

Apple's shares have climbed sharply and fairly steadily since the end of the dotcom bust, from about \$7 per share in early 2003 to nearly \$169 in the summer of 2008. The stock dropped below \$100 per share in late 2008 and early 2009 as investors worried about the health of CEO Steve Jobs, but it has been gaining since March 2009. Shares set all-time high records on a split-adjusted basis several times this year. Compare that with another well-known technology player, IBM Corp., which experienced a much choppier climb before reaching an all-time record Monday of \$139.66, breaking the previous high reached in 1999.

Apple and IBM may be breaking new ground at the same time, but they're not signs of a broader techindustry surge, said Nehal Chokshi, an analyst for Technology Insights Research-Southridge Research Group. These events are company-specific. "IBM didn't explode in the

bubble, and Apple has had truly phenomenal growth," the analyst said.

To be sure, there are a few dark specks marring an otherwise bright investment outlook. For one thing, Apple insists on sitting on more than \$24 billion in cash, more than could reasonably be used for acquisitions, said BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis. Some of that money should be going back to shareholders, the analyst said.

\$300-per-share price tag may look expensive in absolute terms, but Gillis and other analysts say it's a reasonable number for a company that's growing as quickly as Apple. (Gillis has a \$350 price target for the stock.) In the April-to-June period, the company's net income jumped 78 percent from the previous year to \$3.25 billion as revenue rose 61 percent to \$15.7 billion. Apple is set to report results

for its fiscal fourth quarter Monday. The company's forecast is for net income of \$3.44 per share, but the company is notorious for beating its own guidance by a handy margin. Analysts are expecting net income of \$4.05 per share. That would represent growth of about 46 percent.

The worry, of course, is Apple's growth will eventually slow.

"You can only have high growth if you're not the biggest player. If you're the biggest player, it's hard for you to grow significantly faster than the market," said Nehal Chokshi, an analyst for Technology Insights Research Group. "Apple is becoming one of the biggest players."

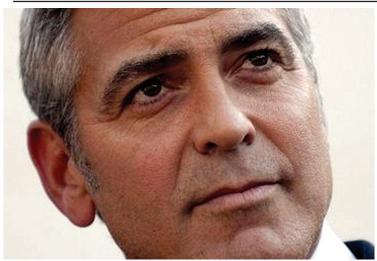
And not just the biggest player among consumer electronics companies: In May, Apple surged ahead of Microsoft to take the No. 2 spot on Standard and Poor's 500, the market index used by most professional money managers. Now, the company is on a path to overtake Exxon Mobil Corp. as the largest company by market capitalization.

Chokshi said he sees Android challenging the iPhone, even among AT&T customers. With that in mind, the analyst is feeling more conservative about the stock than his peers. His price target: \$315.

"I'm starting to get a little bit concerned that the stock might be getting ahead of itself," Chokshi said. "Android is gaining some mind share. Not a lot, but some."

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Actor George Clooney speaks to reporters at the White House after a meeting with US President Barack Obama about Sudan's referendum.

WASHINGTON - George

Clooney said after talks

Tuesday with US President

Barack Obama that the world

can prevent violence around

south Sudan's independence

vote, without any cost in

The Hollywood star and

activist also called for more

involvement from European

diplomacy and for the use of

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Clooney said a concerted

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FILE - In this March 23, 2007 file photo originally provided by Starpix, singer Christina Aguilera and her husband Jordan Bratman attend a party at the Marquee club in New York.

(AP Photo/Dave Allocca, Starpix, file)

Christina Aguilera and husband separate

LOS ANGELES - Christina Aguilera and her husband of nearly five years have separated.

The "Beautiful" singer says in a statement released Tuesday that she and husband Jordan Bratman's commitment to their 2-year-old son remains "as strong as ever."

Grammy Award winner's statement did not indicate when the couple split or whether either would file for divorce.

Court records in Los Angeles do not show any filing by either Aguilera or Bratman. The couple married in November 2005. Their split was first reported by US Weekly.

violence in Sudan

a right or left issue," Clooney said after Oval Office talks with the president.

Clooney briefed Obama on his recent visit to Sudan less than three weeks after the president made an impassioned personal intervention at a high-level diplomatic meeting on Sudan's future at the United Nations in New York. South Sudan, which fought a two-decade civil war against the north that ended in a 2005 peace deal, is set to vote on whether to secede or remain part of the country in a January 9 referendum.

Earlier on Tuesday, Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir said he would not accept an alternative to unity despite his commitment to a peace deal with the south that offers an independence referendum.

The peace deal gave the former southern rebels, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, semi-autonomous powers and a share in government, and promised a referendum on southern independence.

Analystssaythevoteisexpected to favor independence.

"This is a time now where the people of south Sudan have been enslaved and have been no one is suggesting that." sold and have been raped and slaughtered for generations and they earned the right to vote for their freedom in 2005," Clooney said.

Clooney: world can prevent

"They believe they have the right come January 9. They are going to vote in that way, it appears, and they seemed very resolute."

But he warned that the world should heed the history of the Sudanese government and guard against the possibility it would disrupt the vote.

"Left alone in a vacuum this government will act aggressively," he said.

Clooney also called on some European nations which he said were not being sufficiently tough on Khartoum to increase the pressure on Bashir government.

Bashir "is not spending his money in Sudanese pounds, it is in euros, it is in other forms, we need to find out where that money is and freeze it," Clooney said.

"There are pressures that we can put on the government that we in many ways in the United States have already used up -short of military power -- and world."

John Prendergast, founder of the Enough Project which fights to end genocide, who was also in the meeting, said that Obama was "very focused, very knowledgeable about the details, very in control of the policy. "This is a breath of fresh air, it gives a chance to the diplomacy," he added.

"The US being in the game, in support of the African Union peace process is potentially the game changer that the Sudanese people have been looking for."

Clooney, star of "Good Night, and Good Luck" and "Oceans 11" won an Oscar in 2006 for his role as a CIA agent in the oil industry thriller "Syriana." Obama warned at the UN on September 24 that the fate of millions lay in the balance in

"What happens in Sudan in the days ahead may decide whether people who have endured too much war move towards peace or slip backwards to bloodshed," Obama said.

"What happens in Sudan matters to all of sub-Saharan Africa and it matters to the

s leaden caper for Willis and pals



In this publicity image released by Summit Entertainment, John Malkovich, foreground, Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren, right, are shown in a scene from, 'Red.'

(AP Photo/Summit Entertainment, Frank Masi)

By DAVID GERMAIN,

AP Movie Writer

Critics often gripe about the blink-and-you've-missed-it frenzy of action sequences in today's Hollywood thrillers.

The spy caper "Red" admirably rejects the trend, slowing things down to a digestible pace appropriate for vintage-bordering-ongeriatric heroes Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

Yet despite the impressive cast, which includes Mary-Louise

Parker, Richard Drevfuss and Ernest Borgnine, this latest adaptation of a hip graphic novel fails to fill in the spaces between the action with anything terribly interesting.

Director Robert Schwentke ("Flightplan," "The Time Traveler's Wife") aims for a mix of action and comedy but never quite delivers on either. The action is OK, though nothing you haven't seen done better a hundred times before. Some of the gunplay becomes interminable, the filmmakers turning buildings and vehicles into Swiss cheese as characters fire off endless rounds of ammo. The laughs are slight and sporadic, sibling screenwriters Jon and Erich Hoeber unable to generate enough clever interplay among the story's band of ex-CIA operatives targeted for elimination. It's a huge missed opportunity, given Willis' cool-under-fire comic charms and the brilliant co-stars off whom he could have been bouncing better wisecracks.

Willis' Frank Moses is a former black-ops maestro put out to pasture, living quietly in retirement when a hit squad shows up at his suburban house to snuff him out.

Escaping his assailants, Frank reasons whoever's behind the plot will go after the people he cares about, so he rushes off to protect Sarah (Parker), a federal pension-benefits worker he's been awkwardly courting by phone.

With her gift for playing wily and ditzy at the same time, Parker is the best thing about "Red" as her wide-eyed, innocent Sarah — longing to escape her office cubicle and have some adventures

— becomes Frank's gung-ho confederate on a zigzagging trek around the country.



In this Sept. 24, 2010 photo, supporter Marisa Salas, right, holds a sign during a foreclosure and eviction rally at the home of Carlos Moreno in Menlo Park, Calif. Moreno has owned his home since 2006, had his home under foreclosure since January 2010, and was served eviction notice in July 2010. His case is now pending with the bank. For most Americans at risk of losing their homes, the brutal business of foreclosure goes on.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Despite foreclosure halt, mortgage crisis not over

By CURT ANDERSON.

AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI - For most Americans at risk of losing their homes, the brutal business of foreclosure goes on.

Bank of America halted foreclosures across the country to address paperwork problems, but three other banks did so only in 23 states. Other banks holding millions of mortgages have not suspended any foreclosures.

In the other 27 states, judges don't have to review foreclosures. A homeowner must sue the bank for that to happen. Paperwork mistakes and fraud are even harder to discover, legal experts say. Those states without judicial oversight for foreclosures include eight of the top 10 foreclosure states in America, including California, Arizona and Nevada. As with all real estate matters, location is everything.

"My gut tells me there's a greater likelihood of fraud in these cases," said Ray Brescia, a professor at Albany Law School in New York who has closely studied the U.S. mortgage crisis.

Not only have the mortgage industry's actions been limited geographically, but banks mean different things when they say they're halting foreclosures.

Ally Financial's GMAC Mortgage unit, for example, is continuing to initiate foreclosures nationwide. It has stopped evicting homeowners and selling foreclosed properties in the 23 states that require judges' approval.

By contrast, Bank of America has stopped seizing foreclosed homes in all 50 states — but is continuing to sell homes that had already been foreclosed on and is still processing new foreclosures.

Outside of the major banks, and even in states that do require a judge to look over the bank's shoulder, foreclosures are going forward at a head-spinning pace. So the nation's mortgage crisis goes on. In Tampa, Fla., last week, a county circuit judge dispensed with dozens of cases on a single day. Eleven foreclosures went through in one 18-minute period. Most people never show up, and few hire lawyers.

Stocks dip as traders await Fed meeting details

By STEPHEN BERNARD. AP Business Writer

NEW YORK - Caution before the Federal Reserve releases details from its September meeting drove stocks slightly lower Tuesday.

Major indexes pared some of their early losses as technology stocks edged higher, led by Google Inc. and Apple Inc. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose slightly, while the Dow Jones industrial average fell about 35 points in afternoon trading.

Google shares rose after the company said it would invest in wind farms off the East coast. Apple hit a new record, approaching \$300 for the first time, after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said its stores will start carrying the popular iPad. Intel Corp. shares remained in a tight range before the chipmaker releases its quarterly results after the closing bell.

In other corporate news, shares of King Pharmaceuticals Inc. surged after Pfizer Inc. agreed to buy the drugmaker for \$3.6 billion in cash. Traders sold shares of CSX Corp. before the company reports results after the market close.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 35.95, or 0.3 percent, to 10,974.39 in afternoon trading, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 1.94, or 0.2 percent, to 1,163.38.

The Nasdaq composite index, which is heavily weighted with technology companies, rose 4.58, or 0.2 percent, to 2,406.91.

Treasury prices traded in a tight range ahead of the release of the Fed data. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite to its price, rose to 2.40 percent from 2.39 percent late Friday. Bond markets were closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday.

The Fed hinted in the brief



FILE - In this Sept. 30, 2010 file photo, specialist Michael Bonanno works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

statement it released after more attractive investment. its meeting last month that it was prepared to help jumpstart the stagnant economy, though it provided few details. Peter Cardillo, chief market economist for Avalon Partners Inc., said investors "want to see exactly what the Fed is thinking."

Stocks have rallied in recent weeks as traders bet the Fed will enact the bond-buying program as early as its next meeting, which ends Nov. 3. Buying bonds would drive interest rates and yields even lower, which makes stocks a

Paul Brigandi, senior portfolio manager at Direxion Funds, said a pause in the market is normal because stocks have surged on expectations for Fed actions and upbeat earnings in the coming weeks. The Dow has risen 1.7 percent this month and is up about 10 percent since the beginning of September.

"A lot of the best-case scenarios are priced into the market right now," Brigandi said. Now investors want to pause and see if those scenarios play out, he said.

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Medically, menopause is defined as: when you have not had a menstruation in a year. In fact, Menopause is really the end of a long, slow process called perimenopause, marked by changes in a woman's body. Menopause is a normal part of a woman's life, just like puberty. A woman's ovaries in her mid-30 begin to change how much estrogen and progesterone they produce. These two female hormones are both important for normal menstrual cycles and successful pregnancy.

In our clinic, when I inform women between 35 and 50 years old that the symptoms they are feeling, which seem to be Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) are actually "Pre" or Peri-menopause symptoms. Many women remark that since they are not over fifty, this cannot be! Although, the current average age of menopause is about 52. The age span is usually from 45 to 55. However, symptoms of the body's changes during perimenopause can begin in the late 30"s and last up to thirteen years!

Statistics indicate that approximately one in a hundred women goes through menopause at age 40 or younger. Early menopause can occur as a result of surgery, for example, when a woman has a hysterectomy or uterine removal with ovarian removal. According to some experts, early menopause can also be caused by various factors, such as an autoimmune disorder related to poor nutrition or chronic stress resulting in the

production of anti-ovarian antibodies.

Menopausal symptoms

include hot flashes, mood swings, heart palpitations, insomnia, anxiety, depression, weight gain, decline in skin quality, muscle loss, low or lost libido and inability to concentrate. Becoming less able to handle daily tasks for women, who are masters at juggling or multi-tasking, may come as a surprise and cause feelings of inadequacy or frustration. Although bewildered husbands, children and a society that thrives on youth seem to believe all menopausal women experience symptoms for years on end, research indicates that 15 percent of women are symptomfree at menopause. Medical researchers have documented that while some women simply stop menstruating and have no symptoms whatsoever, 85 percent will experience some degree of hot flashes. As a medical anthropologist, I can tell vou some cultures, such as traditional Navahos, exhibited and reported few symptoms of menopause. socioeconomic Moreover. status was strongly correlated menopausal women's experience of symptoms. Women in higher income brackets showed an elevated rate of symptoms. This study indicates that psychological factors, rather than physical ones, may strongly determine menopausal symptoms. Belief systems, feelings and attitude can go a long in affecting many health concerns.

Major factors influencing woman's emotional and physical passage through the change of life include: personal health and childbearing history, health of her female ancestors and living female relatives, past and present dietary habits, past and present tobacco and alcohol use, medications, exercise, life style, stress and self-esteem. Another very influential factor is the amount of circulating glucose and insulin in the blood

Many women have been led to believe that there is a cure for menopause by using estrogen or other forms of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). New medical findings have proven that synthetic hormone replacement may do women more harm than good. Younger women using synthetic birth control pills, patches or injections are using a form of HRT. This can be a big factor affecting women of perimenopausal age. In our clinic, we try to get all women off synthetic, artificial hormone changing birth control. recommend using safer methods to keep track of their fertility status together with natural family planning and hormone balancing. A simple to use at home "fertility scope" can be effective in keeping track of a perimenopausal woman's changing cycles. Herbs such as Dong Quai, Red Chestnut, Rhodiola, DG-Licorice and Kudzu have long been known for menopausal and perimenopausal support as well as B vitamins.

Since women's hormone levels vary greatly, natural alternatives work best when used under professional guidance. Some should women not use estrogen. Some need DHEA or testosterone, a hormone found in men, as well. Hormone levels can fluctuate greatly during menopause and women may need test their hormone levels and adjust their hormone therapy throughout the change. Accurate, comprehensive tests are available from laboratories specializing in hormones using saliva or blood spot rather than a tube of blood.

Specialty hormone testing is not only for menopausal women, but should begin in "pre" or peri-menopause. And, let's talk about the men. Men's hormone levels also change with age. This is known as andropause. All men over 50 need to check not only prostate, but also hormone levels. Testosterone can diminish even in younger men and women. Testosterone is responsible for muscle strength, beautiful hair and a healthy libido.

Get The Point! Aging and menopause are natural, not diseases, so a "cure" is unnecessary. Only with factual information can we begin to manage normal changes in our bodies. Having symptoms? Acupuncture and Chinese herbs have been used for more than 5,000 years to help rejuvenate the body and treat menopausal symptoms. Acupuncture can help ease symptoms such as insomnia, night sweats, mood swings and stress. A diet designed for the individual, including dietary supplements nature's herbs can make your



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School cafeterias to try psychology in lunch line



FILE-In this Aug. 18, 2006 file photo, students eat lunch at Pleasant View Middle School in Springfield, Tenn. The U.S. government is trying new approaches to get kids to choose healthier foods.

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Hide the chocolate milk behind the plain milk. Get those apples and oranges out of stainless steel bins and into pretty baskets. Cash only for desserts

These subtle moves can entice kids to make healthier choices in school lunch lines, studies show. Food and restaurant marketers have long used similar tricks. Now government wants in on the act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced what it called a major new initiative Tuesday, giving \$2 million to food behavior scientists to find ways to use psychology to improve kids' use of the federal school lunch program and fight childhood obesity.

A fresh approach is clearly needed, those behind the effort

About one-third of children and teens are obese or overweight. Bans on soda and iunk food have backfired in some places. Some students have abandoned school meal programs that tried to forcefeed healthy choices. When one school district put fruit on every lunch tray, most of it

ended up in the garbage. So instead of pursuing a carrot or a stick approach, schools want to entice kids to choose the carrot sticks, figuring children are more likely to eat something they select themselves.

"It's not nutrition till it's eaten." said Joanne Guthrie, a USDA researcher who announced the new grants. The initiative will include creation of a child nutrition center at Cornell University, which has long led this type of research.

Some tricks already judged success by Cornell researchers: Keep ice cream in freezers without glass display tops so the treats are out of sight. Move salad bars next to the checkout registers, where students linger to pay, giving them more time to ponder a salad. And start a quick line for make-vour-own subs and wraps, as Corning East High School in upstate New York did. "I eat that every day now," instead of the chicken patty sandwiches that used to be a staple, said Shea Beecher, a 17-year-old senior.

"It's like our own little Subway," said Sterling Smith, a 15-year-old sophomore. (Hint to the school: Freshen up the fruit bowl; the choices are pretty narrow by the time Smith gets to his third-shift lunch period.)

Last year, the USDA asked the Institute of Medicine for advice on its school lunch and breakfast programs, which provide free or subsidized meals to more than 31 million schoolchildren each day. The institute recommended more fruit, vegetables and whole grains with limits on fat, salt and calories. But it was clear this wouldn't help unless kids accepted healthier foods, Guthrie said.

"We can't just say we're going to change the menu and all of our problems will be solved," she said.

agency requested proposals from researchers on how to get kids to actually eat the good stuff. Cornell scientists Brian Wansink and David Just will get \$1 million to establish the child nutrition center. Fourteen research sites around the country will share the other \$1 million.

"Findings from this emerging field of research — behavioral economics — could lead to significant improvements in the diets of millions of children across America," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement.

Cornell's focus be developing "smart lunchrooms" that guide kids to make good choices even when more tempting ones are around. "We're not taking things away from kids,' Wansink said. "It's making the better choice the easier, more convenient choice."

Wansink is a prominent food science researcher, known for studies on the depiction of food in paintings of the Last Supper and how the placement of a candy jar can affect how much people eat from it.

Christine Wallace, service director for Corning City School District near Cornell University, met him a few years ago and invited him to use her 14 schools as a lab

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Bullying: The advice you got is wrong. Here's what really works.

By Patricia Kelley Criswell

Kalamazoo, Mich. - The warm fuzziness of the first few weeks of school is cooling and the strength of the "bullying will not be tolerated" lectures is waning. Come October, social hierarchies emerge and, too often, bullying begins. Low self-esteem, a bad day, months of anguish, suicide - the range of effects victims suffer is devastating. Parents, aware of the perennial pattern, hold their breath, hoping their child isn't targeted.

Bullying: It's been called a national epidemic and it's getting worse. It has been the focus of considerable attention lately as America looks at its widespread, even fatal, impact on youth. But more than media outcry, we need practical tools to combat bullying, empower children, and protect victims.

The problem is that much of the advice we were given when we were young is not only ineffective, it makes things worse.

It's time to rethink our approach.

Don't ʻjust ignore them'Take, for example, erroneous pearls

of wisdom: "Just ignore them." Sure, there are times when doing nothing makes sense – for example, if the bully is older or you're in an unsupervised area – but overall, with repeated bullying, ignoring isn't an effective strategy. Bullying is about power, specifically the imbalance of power. If someone can silence you, that's pretty powerful.

Another misguided favorite: "Mind your own business; don't get involved." This bullying. condones assumes the bully has so much power that it's useless to try to intervene. In fact, the opposite is true.

While 80 to 90 percent of children say it's unpleasant to watch bullying, only 11 percent intervene, according to a 2000 report on bullying by the LaMarsh Centre for Research on Violence and Conflict Resolution in Toronto

Here's the kicker, though: When bystanders speak up, half of the time the bully backs down. Even when the behavior doesn't stop, its effect is deflated. As the number of bystanders who speak up increases, the amount of bullying will decrease.

Telling isn't tattlingThe ever popular "don't be a tattletale" has sent another harmful message. When we stand by and watch others being hurt, and do nothing, that's somehow deemed a good decision. Instead, we need to repeatedly teach our children the difference between telling tattling.

Tattling is meant to make someone else look bad; there's not a victim involved. Telling, or reporting, is done in the service of others; it's meant to help someone. It's a heroic thing to stand up for someone who's being hurt, and we need to treat it as such â€" at home and at school

'Just be nice' doesn't workThe advice to "just be nice" needs revisiting. Being kind is important, but what's crucial is setting boundaries. Doing without being mean, helps make a child "bullyproof." For example, when a child is the target of a cruel remark, a brief response such as "Why would you say that?" takes the focus off the insult and places it back in the aggressor's bullying without back. Saying something

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as simple as "Really?" or "Seriously?" can have the same effect. A boredsounding "whatever," a confused "what?," or humor is often enough to derail an aggressive interaction.

Setting boundaries. confidenceThe building strategy, then, is to pick a handful of comebacks and practice them at home with your child. By roleplaying potential scenarios, you increase the chances of your child being able to set boundaries at school. This also lets your child know you understand the realities of bully behavior. This critical interaction communicates your expectations and feelings about the topic, and gives your child a conversation

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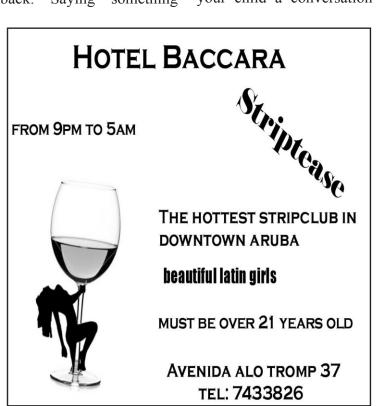
to refer back to if problems

Boundary-setting statements in school may also activate the bully's the bystander's) (and conscience, which is often enough to facilitate a change. Just as important, it sends a confident message to bullies, bystanders, and victims alike.

If we empower our children to stand up for themselves - and their friends - they're less likely to be victims and more likely to maintain a balance of power, allowing their confidence to grow.

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Inminente rescate de mineros atrapados en Chile

Tarea de rescate completa debería demorar entre 24 y 48 horas

CAMPAMENTO ESPERANZA, Chile (Reuters) - Los 33 mineros atrapados bajo 700 metros de roca en el norte de Chile desde hace más de dos meses su inminente rescate se realizaria esta madrugada, tras una esperada audaz operación de rescate que pondrá fin a una epopeya que ha cautivado al mundo y que dejará sus nombres grabados en la historia.

Cuando caiga el sol en el árido Desierto de Atacama chileno, los protagonistas de esta hazaña deberán llenarse de coraje para ingresar a una angosta cápsula que apenas les permite mover sus brazos, para luego esperar que una enorme grúa los ice durante 15 a 20 minutos hasta llegar a la superficie.

"Ahora estoy tranquila, pero muy ansiosa. Espero que los nervios no me traicionen cuando comience el rescate", dijo Jessica Salgado, quien espera poder ver y abrazar pronto a su esposo Alex Vega, uno de los mineros que cuenta los minutos para salir a la superficie.

El presidente de Chile, Sebastián Piñera, quien llegó a supervisar el rescate a la mina, comentó que dentro de un par de horas, es decir, pasadas las 2300 hora GMT, partirán las labores del inédito rescate.

"La fe ha movido montañas. Porque ha sido la fe, la fuerza, el coraje, la voluntad de esos 33 mineros, de sus familiares, de los rescatistas, del Gobierno y de todos los chilenos, los que han hecho posible este milagro", afirmó Piñera ante decenas de cámaras de televisión enviadas de todo el mundo.

Tras pedir que las iglesias del país repiquen sus campanas cuando sea izado el primer minero, el mandatario sostuvo que, calculados los tiempos que cada rescatado tarde en subir a la superficie, la tarea completa debería demorar entre 24 y 48 horas

Para la madrugada del miércoles se espera la presencia del presidente de Bolivia, Evo Morales, para saludar a uno de los 33 mineros que nació en ese país, según afirmó Piñera tras llegar al yacimiento. El presidente de Estados Unidos, Barack Obama, dijo acompañar a la distancia a los mineros, sus familias y los rescatistas.

La cápsula de transporte para 33 mineros atrapados al fondo de un yacimiento en el norte de Chile en posición para ser ocupada, Copiapó, oct 12 2010.

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